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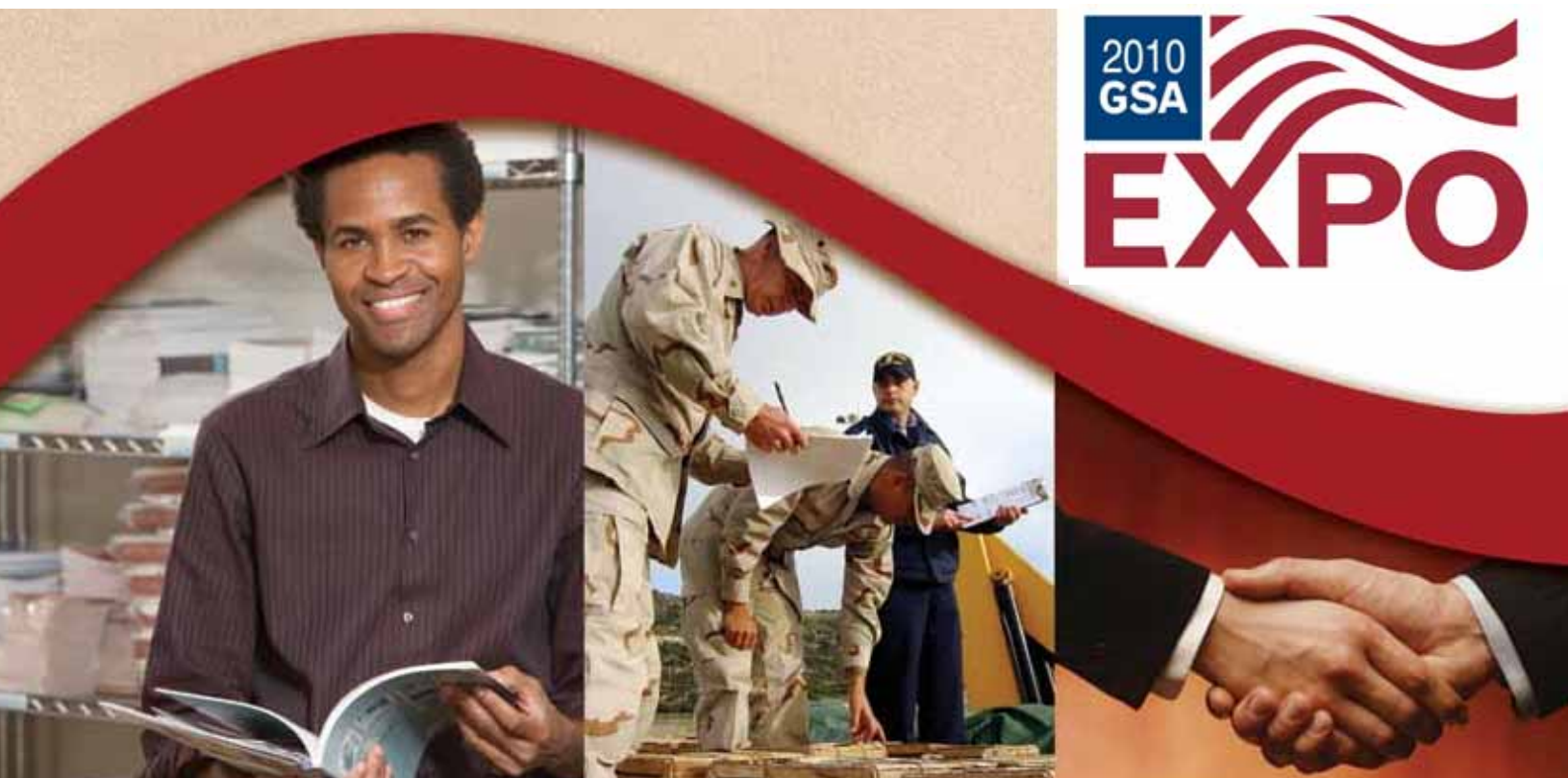


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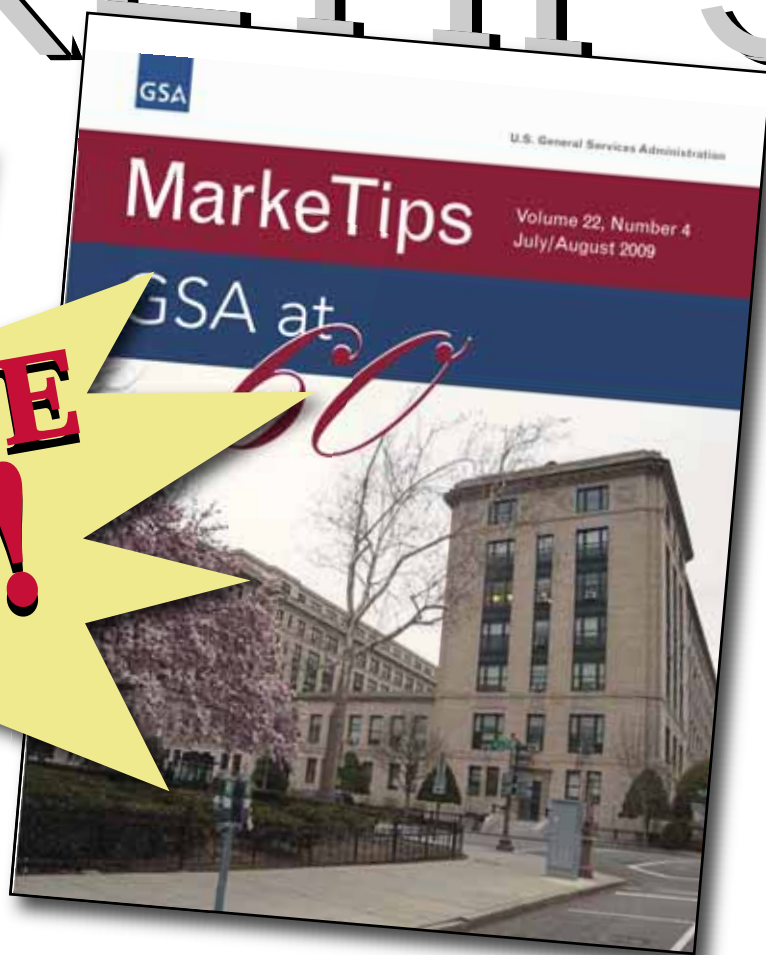
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GSA Yesterday and Today

The impetus behind GSA's creation was to streamline government purchasing and save money. Today, GSA is supporting a similar effort to help save taxpayer dollars. This effort is known as the Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative or FSSI. Here we will explore the similarities between the original Hoover Commission recommendations that created the agency and FSSI which enables federal customers to get the most out of their agency dollar.

GSA Yesterday

In 1947, a commission was established to evaluate and deal with the growth of government during World War II. Popularly called the Hoover Commission, the effort sought to examine the current organization and make recommendations to reduce expenditures and to end duplication and overlap of government services and activities. The final report, presented in February of 1949, stated,

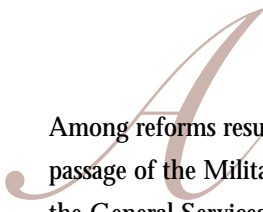
As a result of depression, war, new needs for defense, and our greater responsibilities in the foreign field, the federal government has become the most gigantic business on

earth... Such rapid growth could not take place without causing serious problems. Organizational methods effective 20 years ago are no longer applicable.

This commission has found that the United States is paying heavily for lack of order, a lack of clear lines of authority and responsibility, and a lack of effective organization in the executive branch. It has found that great improvements can be made in the effectiveness with which the government can serve the people if it's organization and administration are overhauled.

—Papers of Herbert Hoover
Post-Presidential Files





Among reforms resulting from the commissions' studies were passage of the Military Unification Act of 1949; creation of the General Services Administration; formation of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; cost accounting and modernized budgeting; reduction of government competition with private business; development of a federal career service; coordination of federal research; and a general reduction of red tape. Hoover estimated the commission brought a total savings of \$7 billion dollars.

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) was established on July 1, 1949, when President Harry Truman signed the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act into law. The act was a direct result of the Hoover Commission which concluded that it would be more effective and economical for the government to consolidate small agencies into one to avoid "senseless duplication, excess cost, and confusion in handling supplies, and providing space."

The specific agencies were the National Archives Establishment, the Federal Works Agency with its Public Buildings Administration, the Bureau of Federal Supply and the Office of Contract Settlement from the Treasury Department, and the War Assets Administration.

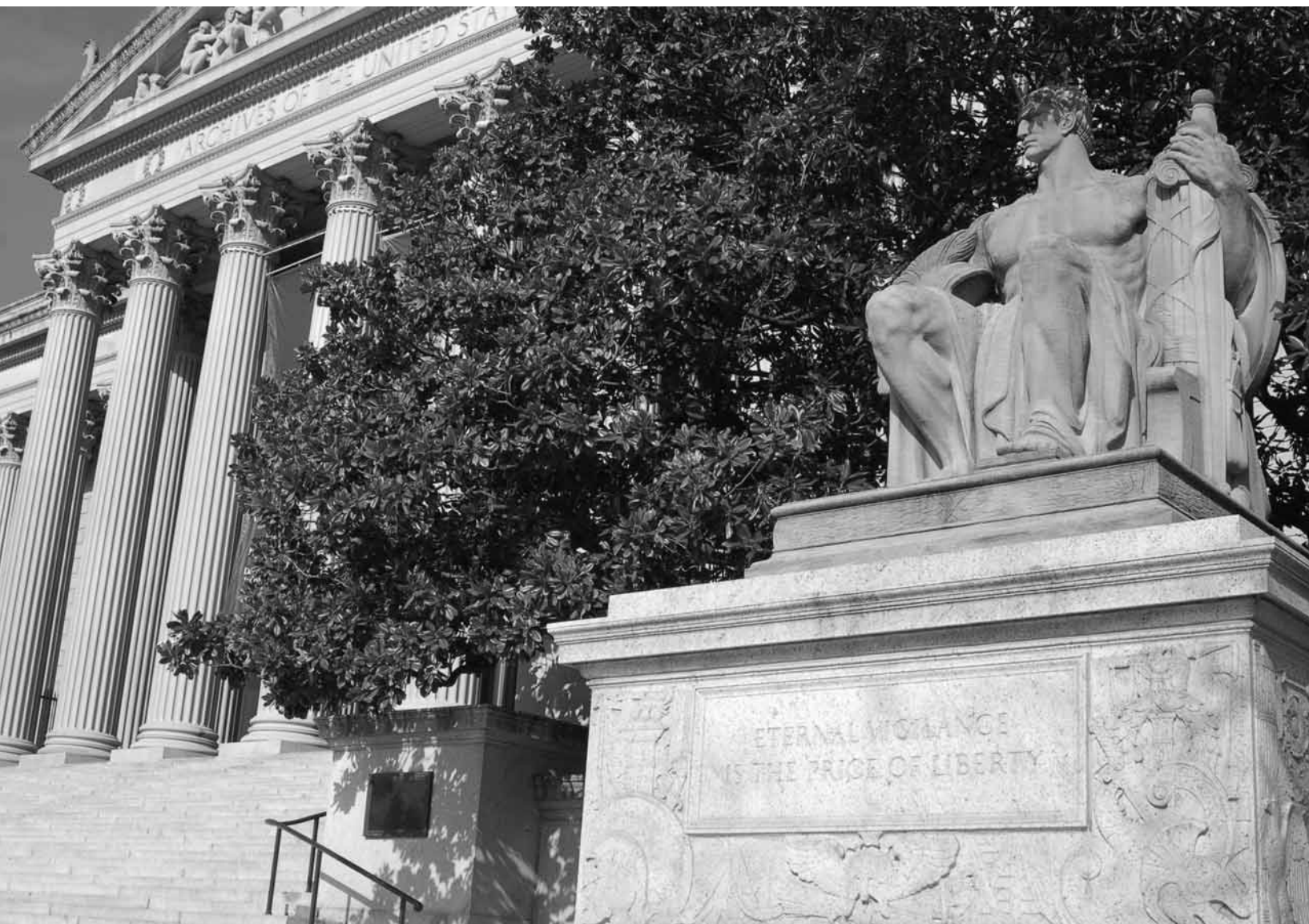
GSA formed three services to handle its consolidated responsibilities: Public Buildings, Federal Supply, and National Archives and Records.

GSA's original mission was to dispose of war surplus goods, manage and store government records, handle emergency preparedness, and stockpile strategic supplies for wartime. GSA also regulated the sale of various office supplies to federal agencies.

On July 1, 1952, Public Law 436, the Defense Cataloging and Standardization Act, was approved by the 82nd Congress. This law established a single catalog system and related supply standardization program, and was instrumental in establishing a uniform National Supply System.

To further the National Supply System concept, GSA and DoD entered into an agreement in 1971 to eliminate avoidable overlap between their respective supply systems. The agreement divided the management of consumable items between GSA and the Defense Supply Agency (DSA, now Defense Logistics Agency), and established the criteria for this division. It assigned to GSA those Federal Supply Classes (FSCs), or commodities commonly used by federal agencies, which are commercially available and not predominantly of a military nature. It assigned to DSA those FSCs used in military operations or weapon systems support. This agreement is still the governing document for item management assignments.

Over the next 15 years, GSA continued to supply customers with products as the mandatory source for all executive agencies. Under federal property rules, agencies were to look at excess property, Federal Prison Industries' items, and items supplied by National Industries for the Blind and NISH through the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (AbilityOne) Program, and then turn to GSA. This was changed by legislation enacted in January 1988. GSA agreed to become a non-mandatory source, and customers were given the opportunity to shop where they received the best value.



Strategic sourcing is the collaborative and structured process of critically analyzing an organization's spending and using this information to make business decisions about acquiring commodities and services more effectively and efficiently.

Today – The Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative

One way that GSA is achieving the objectives outlined in the Hoover Commission is through their leadership of governmentwide initiatives, such as the Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative (FSSI).

Since 2001 spending on government contracts has more than doubled, reaching over \$500 billion in 2008. Due to the sheer magnitude of government purchasing, the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) out of the Office of Management and Budget released a memorandum in May of 2005 announcing the introduction of strategic sourcing as a governmentwide requirement for all federal agencies.

While guidance from OFPP requires strategic sourcing of goods and services within all federal agencies, it was realized that a more organized, systematic, and collaborative approach to strategic sourcing across the entire federal government would be critical for capturing greater value from the enormous amount of dollars being spent and for maximizing the use of government resources.

A collective sourcing program not only yields the benefits associated with a coordinated approach to the supply base for all agencies, large and small, but also reduces the amount of agency resources required to support strategic sourcing on a per commodity basis. This will allow internal agency strategic sourcing programs to focus on the sourcing of goods and services unique to the agency's mission.



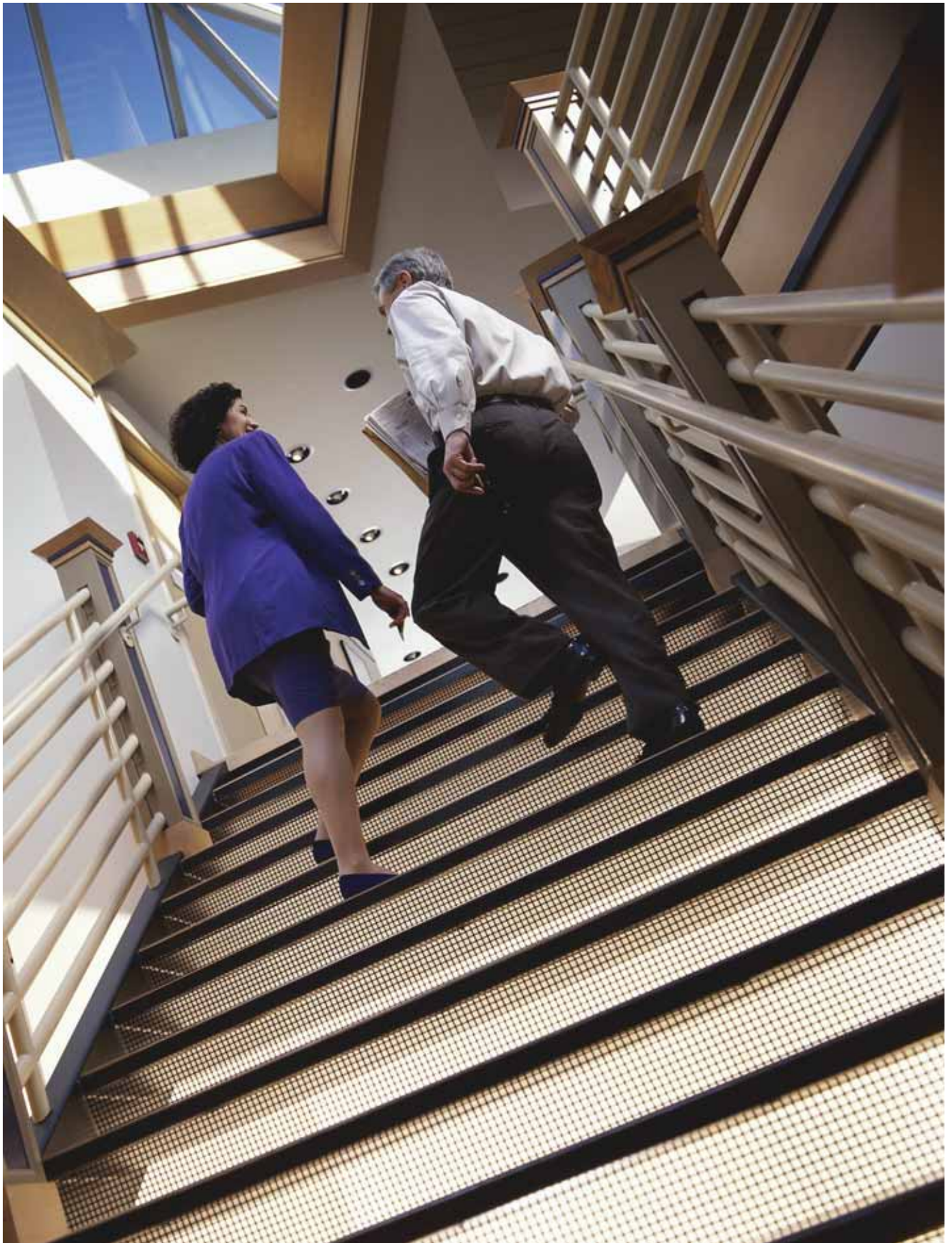
FSSI is a program that was created to address governmentwide opportunities to strategically source commonly purchased goods and services. Critical to strategic sourcing is the collection and analyses of detailed spend data to make business decisions about acquiring commodities and services more effectively and efficiently. The goal is to generate cost savings, increase socioeconomic participation, streamline processes and reduce total cost of operations.

FSSI is governed by OFPP and the Strategic Sourcing Working Group under the Chief Acquisition Officer's Council. The FSSI Program Management Office within GSA also supports the federal government's Strategic Sourcing Community of Practice that is comprised of the strategic sourcing leads for the individual federal agencies.

GSA's Federal Acquisition Service is the Executive Agent for the three FSSI commodity vehicles: Express and Ground Domestic Delivery Services, Wireless Telecommunications Expense Management Services, and Office Supplies. Additional FSSI vehicles will be developed that provide common governmentwide business process solutions as new opportunities are prioritized by cross-governmental governance bodies. More than 60 federal agencies, boards, and commissions actively participate in the FSSI solutions.

FSSI is an excellent example of how the spirit of the Hoover Commission lives on in our federal government's efforts to achieve best value for agencies and U.S. taxpayers.

To learn more about the FSSI Program or any of the FSSI solutions, please visit www.gsa.gov/fssi or contact the FSSI Program Management Office at fssi@gsa.gov.



FSSI – Express and Ground Domestic Delivery Services

GSA, leading an intergovernmental team, developed the FSSI Express and Ground Domestic Delivery Services (ExGDDS) solution to help federal agencies realize the greatest value for their government dollar. A FSSI Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) for ExGDDS was awarded in October 2006 to Federal Express Corporation. The award provides for significant discounts to the low prices already available on GSA's Multiple Award Schedule 48 for Transportation, Delivery, and Relocation Solutions.

The FSSI ExGDDS vehicle features domestic delivery for both air and ground shipments between the Continental U.S., Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico, and a money-back guarantee on all express small and heavyweight packages and all ground small packages. It also provides for tiered discounts so that as collective volume increases, so do the discounts, substantial savings, elimination of fuel surcharges on domestic shipments, quality service levels, robust management information reports, and the ability to manage shipments more efficiently.

Not only has the FSSI ExGDDS initiative resulted in significant savings to the federal government and U.S. taxpayers (\$34 million was saved in FY08), but in FY07/08, the vehicle boasted an overall on-time performance record of more than 97 percent.

FSSI ExGDDS participating agencies have access to quarterly business intelligence reports that track their individual spend, savings, performance, surcharge, and accessorial usage, and are encouraged to implement commercial best practices for additional cost savings.

The initiative counts more than 60 federal agencies, boards, and commissions as active participants. The beauty of this solution is that none of the participating agencies could have individually achieved the kind of discounts and efficiencies realized by collectively leveraging their spend thereby avoiding duplication of effort and additional costs.

FSSI ExGDDS is demonstrating results by focusing on a governmentwide solution that improves commodity management. Due to the success of FSSI ExGDDS, the second generation service (DDS2) will be awarded this summer.

To learn more about the FSSI ExGDDS initiative or the DDS2 recompetit effort, or to sign up to participate, contact Blaine Jacobs, blaine.jacobs@gsa.gov, (703) 605-5892 or visit www.gsa.gov/exGDDS.

FSSI ExGDDS Benefits

- *Establish a common procurement vehicle through which government agencies may procure and utilize Express and Ground Domestic Delivery Services.*
- *Lower total costs associated with Express and Ground Domestic Delivery Services while achieving similar or improved service levels versus today.*
- *Utilize business intelligence to better support overall decisionmaking, performance management, and transparency.*





FSSI – Wireless Telecommunications Expense Management Services

The FSSI Wireless Telecommunications Expense Management (TEM) Services solution is another great example of a GSA solution which aligns with the initiative defined by the Hoover commission to examine the current organization and make recommendations to reduce expenditures. Wireless TEM Services is the process of managing the entire lifecycle of an organization's wireless voice, data, and mobile communications assets, applications, and costs. When the FSSI Wireless commodity team was first established, the team was focused on handheld devices and services and achieving lower prices on devices. In order to better understand participating agencies' spend profiles and the current wireless operating environment, the team identified the need for a Wireless TEM managed services offering as the first step in the process.

The FSSI Wireless TEM Services solution is an Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) multiple-award contract awarded in January 2008 to two small businesses (iSYS, LLC and Avalon Technology) and one large business (Booz Allen Hamilton). The vehicle provides federal agencies with comprehensive TEM services that streamlines the lifecycle management of wireless devices and services, and ultimately lowers the total cost of commercial wireless services.



FSSI Wireless TEM Services can also help agencies strategically address the complexities of their wireless tools through a central management portal and dashboard reporting.

The FSSI Wireless TEM Services solution is expected to save federal agencies between 25-40 percent off their wireless total cost of operations through rate plan optimization, inventory and billing error cost savings, process efficiencies, and improved management and security controls. The first two agency task orders realized a cost savings of 50 percent and 48

percent respectively on total wireless spend through rate plan optimization (aligning rate plans with usage data) and inventory management (eliminating zero-usage devices). Greater savings can be expected during the initial start-up phase of Wireless TEM Service implementation.

To learn more about the FSSI Wireless TEM Services initiative or to participate, contact Russ Peery, russ.peery@gsa.gov, (817) 574-4318, or visit www.gsa.gov/fssitem.

FSSI Wireless TEM Services Benefits

- *Reduced monthly wireless bills through optimized rate plans/lower effective per minute prices*
- *Pay proper amounts through more accurate billing*
- *Pay only for what is used through elimination of unused lines*
- *Improved compliance to rate plans and related wireless spend management policies*
- *Improved asset management*
- *Optional ability to require the FSSI Wireless TEM vendor to manage conflict resolution and bill-related issues*
- *Helpdesk support*
- *Management controls to ensure compliance with all agency network and security policies*



FSSI – Office Supplies

Finding efficiencies and operational synergies is fundamental to supporting core agency missions, even when buying everyday items such as office supplies.

The FSSI Office Supplies solution offers easy access to a best value procurement vehicle for paper, toner, and general office products that offers AbilityOne, Trade Agreement Act (TAA), and environmentally compliant products.

BPA's were established in October 2007 with 13 of the leading office products industry providers; 11 small and two large businesses. The award provides for discounts to the low prices already available on GSA's Schedule 75 for Office Products/Supplies and Services, and New Products/Technology. The Office Supplies BPAs provide for savings of 1-30 percent off vendor Schedule prices with 85 percent of awards to small businesses, as well as tiered discounts as the amount of spend through the individual BPAs increase.

To learn more about the FSSI Office Supplies initiative or to participate, contact Judy Poskanzer, judy.poskanzer@gsa.gov, (212) 264-0305 or visit www.gsa.gov/fssiofficesupplies.

FSSI Office Supplies Benefits

- *Achieve total cost savings off vendor Schedule prices while improving current service capability levels;*
- *Achieve small business participation goals;*
- *Obtain transaction-level data to better support decisionmaking;*
- *Attain measureable environmental savings benefits; and*
- *Ensure AbilityOne, TAA, and Environmental Compliance*

Scope of Office Supplies offered by BPA

Vendor	Socio-Economic*	General Office Supplies	Toner	Paper
Metro Office Products	S	Yes	Yes	Yes
Adams Marketing	S/W	Yes	Yes	Yes
George W. Allen Company	S	Yes	Yes	Yes
Corporate Express	O	Yes	Yes	Yes
Veterans Imaging Product	S/SDV	Yes	Yes	Yes
Future Solutions	S/D/W	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stephens Office Supplies	S/W	Yes	Yes	Yes
SITA Business Systems	S/W	Yes	No	Yes
IS Group	S	No	No	Yes
Impac Computer Supplies	S	No	No	Yes
Access Products, Inc.	S/W	No	Yes	No
Millers Office Products	S/W	No	Yes	No
Staples	O	No	Yes	No

The BPAs can be accessed via GSAAvantage!® and DoD EMALL. Ordering instructions for both portals are provided below.

For more details, please contact Jeffrey Lau at (212) 264-2459.

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O: Other than small business (large business)

W: Woman owned business

V: Veteran owned small business

SDV: Service Disabled Veteran owned small business

D: SBA Certified Small Disadvantaged business

8a: SBA Certified 8(a) Firm

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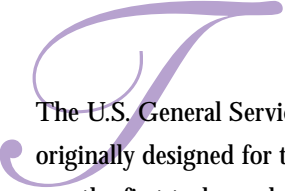
Achieving Our Goals

Since GSA's creation in 1949, our singular goal has been to be the premier provider of best value products and services to our federal agency customers and the U.S. taxpayers. GSA FAS, through the FSSI program and in partnership with the federal government community, continually strives to deliver significant cost savings, increased socioeconomic participation, streamlined processes, and reduced total cost of operations for commonly purchased goods and services.

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The U.S. General Services Administration Building, originally designed for the U.S. Department of the Interior, was the first truly modern office building constructed by the U.S. Government and served as a model for federal offices through the early 1930s.

New York architect Charles Butler (1871-1953) designed the innovative building in his capacity as consultant to the U.S. Treasury Department's Supervising Architect Oscar Wenderoth (1873-1938). Butler's design, patterned after private office buildings in New York and Washington, DC, allowed for the substantial amount of natural light necessary for the many architects, draftsmen, pressmen, and scientists working in the building. Construction of the restrained Neo-Classical building began in 1915 and was completed in 1917 at a cost of \$2,703,494.

The U.S. Department of the Interior occupied the building from 1917 until 1937, a period significant in the department's history. The activities of the National Park Service were conceived in the sixth floor offices of Interior Secretary Franklin K. Lane. The U.S. Geological Survey, the largest tenant in the building, determined which public lands would

be closed to development and conserved for their mineral and water resources. In 1921-1922 the building was the locus of the "Teapot Dome" scandal involving Secretary of the Interior Albert Fall. Fall was convicted and imprisoned for accepting \$400,000 in bribes from oil magnates Harry F. Sinclair and Edward L. Doheny in return for secretly granting them rights to drill for oil on Federal lands. Harold Ickes, Secretary of the Interior under Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry Truman, oversaw construction of dams, fully developed the National Park Service to provide recreational needs, and served as the first Federal Administrator of Public Works.

In 1939 the Federal Works Administration (FWA) became the building's primary occupant. FWA activities were subsumed into the newly created U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) in 1949 and the building was renamed the U.S. General Services Administration Building. In 1986 the building was listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It continues to house GSA including the Public Buildings Service—the largest and most diversified real estate organization in the world.





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Ask the Acquisition Expert

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about GSA's Acquisition
Programs.

In this issue, we discuss
GSA's various online
resources.



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needs of each customer. For those state and local government entities looking to simplify their procurement process, eLibrary provides a complete listing of contractors participating in the state and local government programs. eLibrary also displays schedule contract information and schedule details, provides easy access to specific contract terms and conditions, links to vendor catalogs and product lists in *GSA Advantage!*[®], and connects directly with eBuy for RFQ creation. To learn more, visit www.gsaelibrary.gsa.gov.



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Rosie the Riveter

A Cultural Icon Endures

By Emily LeDuc



Rosie's message *We Can Do It!* is reinforced today with *Yes We Can!*

As this country finds itself in economic distress not seen since the Great Depression, comparisons abound, and the lessons of history enter our consciousness. Rosie the Riveter was one of the iconic images of the World War II era, encouraging women to enter the workforce.

The movement increased the number of working American women by nearly 60 percent. Although Rosie's image reflected the industrial work of welders and riveters during World War II, the majority of working women filled non-factory positions in every sector of the economy. In the first seven months of 1942 the estimated proportion of jobs considered "acceptable" for women was raised by employers from 29 to 85 percent. An estimated 18 million women worked in defense industries and support services including steel mills, foundries, lumber mills, aircraft factories, offices, hospitals, and daycare centers.

Working conditions were less than ideal. Women often faced gender discrimination, hazardous working conditions, rationing, and shortages of housing and childcare. But ultimately, Rosie's movement paved the way for women to enter the American workforce, broke the mold for women in "traditional" jobs, and removed barriers to advancement.

Rosie the Riveter's role in our history is forever memorialized at the Rosie the Riveter Memorial near San Francisco. Sited at the former Kaiser Shipyard No. 2, the

memorial evokes the act of constructing the ships with mass-assembly techniques adopted by Kaiser to make ships more quickly, and the process of reconstructing memories of women who worked on the home front. The memorial, managed by the Federal Park Service is a testament to those who were a part of this important time in American history.

Rosie's image has traditionally represented the women's movement and heralds the development of women as an economic force in our nation, but in today's economic climate she represents much more.

Today, women are such a natural and integrated part of the workforce that Rosie's message now becomes not just a representation of the strength of women in society, but of Americans in this global economy. The message *We Can Do It!* is reinforced today with *Yes We Can!*

Rosie continues to represent the strength and determination of the American people over adversity - no challenge is too great, no mountain is too high, no problem is too complex. In times like these, positive images such as Rosie the Riveter stir our national pride and give us pause to place our problems in historical context and ultimately understand that through determination of will and the spirit of hard work we can and will prevail.

Celebrating 60 Years of the Federal Catalog System

A Brief History of the NSN

It is the familiar 13-digit number assigned to almost everything from toilet paper to tableware. Most Unit Supply Rooms have a few of the most commonly ordered NSNs scrawled on a post-it notes (7530-01-116-7867) and taped (7510-00-082-2520) to a desk lamp (6230-00-643-2076) for easy reordering. The NSN, descended from its pre-NATO predecessor the FSN, was born with the Federal Catalog System when Public Law 436, The Defense Cataloging and Standardization Act established a single catalog system and was instrumental in establishing a uniform, National Supply System.



The Anatomy of Today's NSN

The National Stock Number (NSN), as we know it today began in 1975. It is a 13-digit code, identifying items-of-supply that are repeatedly procured, stocked, stored, issued, and used through the supply system. It is also known as the NATO Stock Number in all NATO treaty countries as part of the NATO Standardization Agreements. Currently there are over 7 million NSNs in the Federal Catalog System.

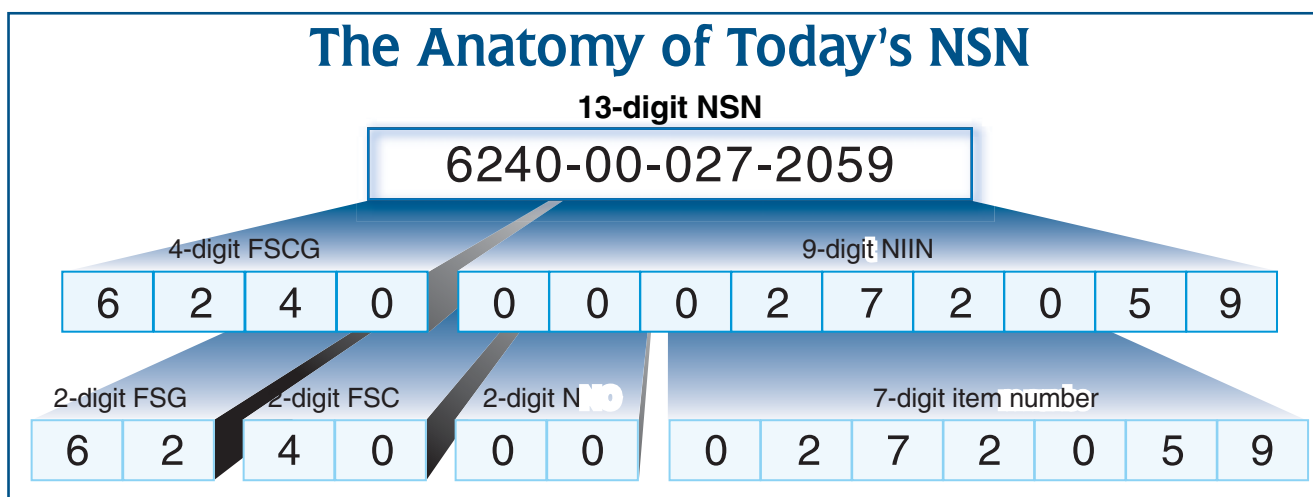
The initial subgroup, abcd, is the Federal Supply Class (FSC). FSC relates like items-of-supply and, conversely, separates unlike items-of-supply. For example FSC 4240 groups related items of firefighting equipment.

The 'ef' pair of digits, the first 2 digits of the NIIN (National Item Identification Number) shows the National Codification Bureau Code. The code identifies the

National Codification Bureau (NCB) that assigned the item identification number to the item-of-supply. This is generally the country of origin, meaning the country of final manufacture. According to this system, for example, US is 00 and 01, the UK is 99.

Country	NCB Code(s)
USA	00 and 01
Germany	12
France	14
Canada	20 and 21
Slovenia	40
Australia	66
Saudi Arabia	70
United Kingdom	99

Until March 31, 1975, the stock number was 11-digits, did not include the NCB and was known as the Federal Stock Number (FSN).



The FSC is 4 digits – it is a combination of the FSG and the next 2 numbers.

Unofficial mapping of the NSN for illustrative purposes.



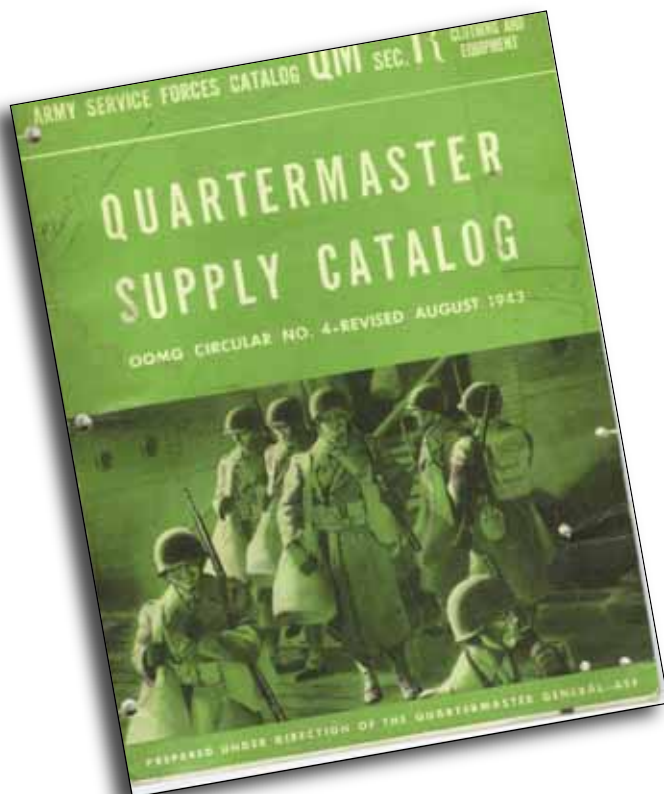
History of Stock Numbers

During WWII, each of the military services operated independently and maintained a separate supply system with their own methods and procedures for identifying their items.

As a result, common items were identified by different names, making efficient use of available stock impossible. That made it difficult for the Services to locate supplies and, in most cases, impossible to share items-of-supply. This resulted in an item depletion situation for one service and item surplus situation for another due to different naming conventions.

The first stock number is often referred to as a Quartermaster Stock Number (QSN). It was actually established as part of the Treasury Department's mandated cataloging system in 1943.

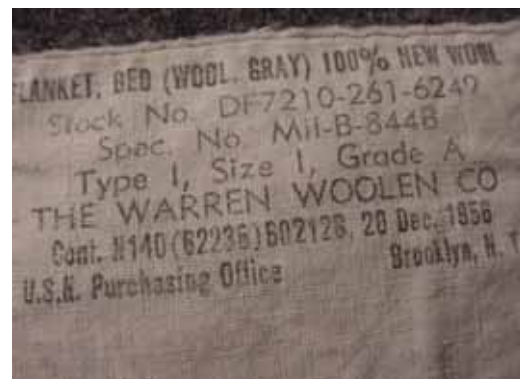
During WWII, several catalogs featured items with the Quartermaster Stock Number.



The label above is for the 27-B-317 wool blanket. TABLE 8 – EQUIPMENT OF ASSAULT TROOPS FOR NEPTUNE (D-DAY TO D+44) <EXCEPTED FROM: OPERATION OVERLORD, FIRST US ARMY PLAN, NEPTUNE, ANNEX 7, 25 FEB 44 called for 1 Bag, Sleeping, wool (27-B-317) (2 wool blankets, M1934 could be issued when the sleeping bag is not available) (27-B-678).

Experience in World War II showed that it was unworkable for each service to have its own part numbering system. Even within one service, a variety of manufacturers' item names for identical parts created inconsistencies in the various logistics management systems, making it difficult to control inventories. A common language of supply was needed to manage the growing complexity.

The origin of the Federal Catalog System dates back to Public Law 436, 82nd Congress, "The Defense Cataloging and Standardization Act" which was passed on July 1, 1952. The Law provides the statutory basis and authority for the establishment of a single catalog system for the Department of Defense and for its coordination with the General Services Administration which represents the Government civil agencies.



Blanket, Wool, This blanket is from 1959 and depicts the FSN 7210261-6249

In 1971, to further the National Supply System concept, GSA and DoD agreed to eliminate avoidable overlap between their respective supply systems. The “Agreement Between the DoD and GSA Governing Supply Management Relationships Under the National Supply System” divided the management of consumable items between GSA and the Defense Supply Agency (now the Defense Logistics Agency, or DLA) and established the criteria for this division.

It assigned to GSA those Federal Supply Classes (FSCs) or commodities that are commonly used by federal agencies, but are not predominantly of a military nature, and are commercially available. It assigned to DLA the Federal Supply Classes used in military operations or weapons system support.

GSA was specifically assigned the responsibility to procure consumable items for the executive branch agencies, including hand tools, paint, adhesives, office supplies, cleaning supplies, furniture, kitchen supplies, and outdoor equipment. Most of these products were procured using government-unique requirements included in military and federal specifications.

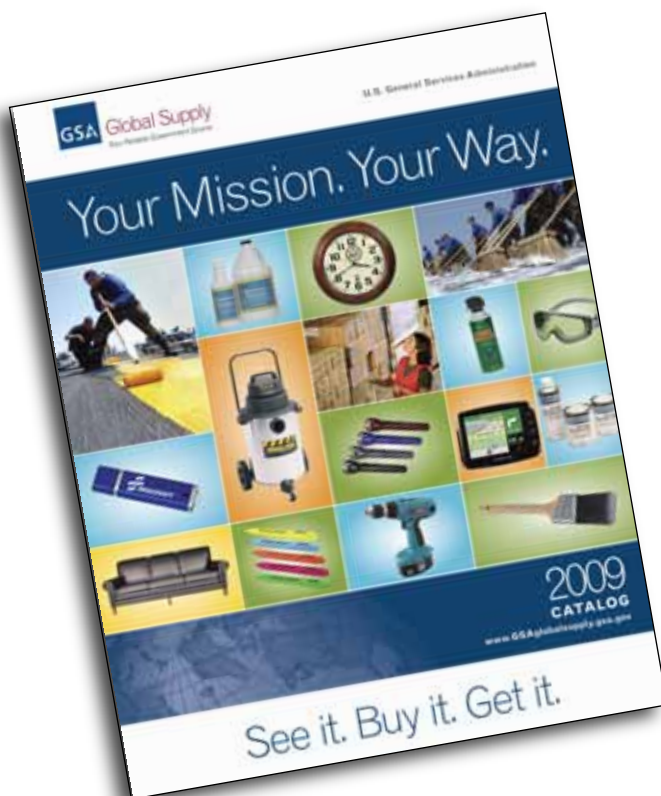


Blanket, Bed, Wool. Label on Wool Blanket depicting NSN

In recent years, GSA Global Supply™ has partnered with commercial suppliers to expand its product line dramatically. Rather than assign NSNs to tens of thousands of new items, GSA has attached a standard prefix to manufacturer's part numbers. For instance, office supplies are identified with GSA part numbers that begin “OS1.” Similarly, tools begin with “TL1” and computer products start “CP1A.” All of these items can be ordered through any valid ordering mechanism (phone, fax, FED/MIL STRIP or online) but when market conditions change, these items are easier to add, drop, and update than NSNs.

As with NSNs, GSA part-numbered items can be ordered by military or civilian customers. In certain cases, such as wildland firefighting, GSA Global Supply products are even available to state and local agencies. Customers can find approximately 300,000 items online at www.GSAglobalsupply.gsa.gov or at www.gsaAdvantage.gov. (GSA items on the latter site will be shown alongside roughly 18 million items available from commercial vendors through the Multiple Award Schedules program.) As always, customers can place orders via FEDSTRIP/MILSTRIP, by phone at (800) 525-8027 or by fax at (800) 856-7057.

While GSA and its customers evolve in response to changing times, the underlying principles of efficiency, consistency, and customer satisfaction are as important today as they were 60 years ago.



Ask the Requisition Expert



Welcome to GSA's "Ask the Expert" column. Here, we answer commonly recurring questions received about GSA Global Supply.™

This month features questions about GSA and The Federal Standardization Program (FSP).

We Want to Hear from You!

We would like to gather your questions in advance and then respond to them. Please send any questions to asktheexpert@gsa.gov. You may well see your question in our next edition!

Question: What is GSA's role with the FSP?

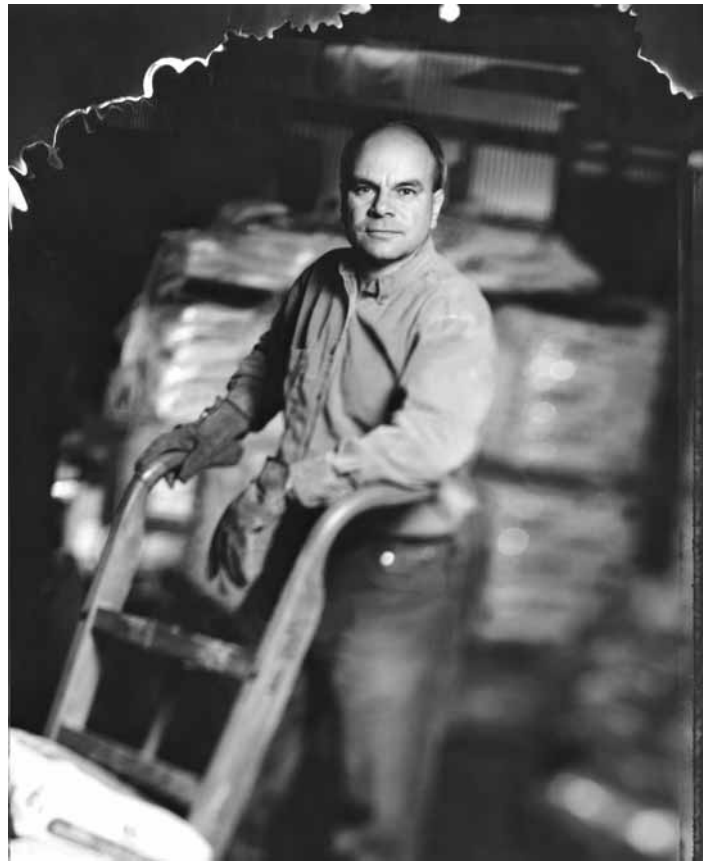
Answer: The General Services Administration is responsible for administering the Federal Standardization Program, or FSP, by developing and disseminating governmentwide standardization policies and procedures via the Federal Standardization Manual, and coordinating civil and military standardization functions to avoid duplication. The goal of the program is to standardize items used throughout the federal government by optimizing the use of voluntary consensus standards or by developing federal product descriptions and reducing the number of sizes and kinds of items that are procured. The manual provides guidance on the development and use of federal product descriptions, including federal specifications and related federal qualified products lists, federal standards, and commercial item descriptions. The manual also provides information on adopting and using voluntary consensus standards. When used in procurement, the use of FPDs and voluntary standards can generate huge savings.

Question: Does DOD participate in the Federal Standardization Program?

Answer: DoD is a major participant in the Federal Standardization Program. Military Departments and Defense Agencies use the Federal Standardization Manual insofar as it prescribes policies and procedures used to develop Federal Product Descriptions. The Manual complements the Defense Standardization Manual, DoD 4120.24-M.

Question: What are the origins of the program?

Answer: The Federal Standardization Program dates back to the recommendations of the *Commission on the Organization of the Executive Branch of Government*, 1947 – 1949, also known as the Hoover Commission. A task force report on the federal supply system addressed the subject of “standard specification.” It recommended that responsibility for federal specification activities should reside in a “standards division” in the “central supply organization” in the Executive Office of the President.



Those recommendations were implemented in the *Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949*, which created GSA and, within it, the Federal Supply Service now the Federal Acquisition Service. This forms the basic authority for GSA's management of the FSP.

Prior to 1949, the military and civilian agencies maintained their own supply and inventory programs. These agencies kept few records of what they stored and issued from the numerous warehouses they individually maintained, creating much duplication and posing a threat to both the national economy and security. Reorganization studies, most notably the one headed by former President Herbert Hoover, concluded that a central bureau of supply should be created to manage all government purchases.

Thus the Federal Supply Service was established as a central organization whose mission was to provide an economically efficient system for the procurement, supply, and eventual disposal of property. Its purpose was to eliminate duplicate functions, standardize product

offerings, and establish a professional resource that would leverage the government's buying power in obtaining supplies and services.

To further define GSA's role, the 82nd Congress on July 1, 1952, approved Public Law 436, the Defense Cataloging and Standardization Act. This law established a single catalog system and related supply standardization program. Section 11 of the law requires the "Administrator of General Services and the Secretary of Defense [to] coordinate the cataloging and standardization activities of the General Services Administration and the Department of Defense so as to avoid unnecessary duplication."

Question: What is the National Supply System?

Answer: The concept of a National Supply System was born out of Public Law 436, and was further defined when GSA and DoD agreed in 1971 to eliminate avoidable overlap between their respective supply systems. The "Agreement Between the Department of Defense and the General Services Administration Governing Supply Management Relationships Under the National Supply System" divided the management of consumable items between GSA and the Defense Supply Agency (now the Defense Logistics Agency, or DLA) and established the

criteria for this division. It assigned to GSA those Federal Supply Classes (FSCs) or commodities that are commonly used by federal agencies, but are not predominately of a military nature, and are commercially available. It assigned to DLA the Federal Supply Classes used in military operations or weapon system support.

Question: What type products was GSA assigned responsibility for purchasing?

Answer: GSA was specifically assigned the responsibility to procure consumable items for the executive branch agencies, including hand tools, paint, adhesives, office supplies, cleaning products, furniture, kitchen supplies, and outdoor equipment. GSA uses military specifications; federal specifications and standards; commercial item descriptions; voluntary consensus standards; and purchase descriptions to describe the government's need in procurement.

Question: What is a Commercial Item Description?

Answer: A Commercial Item Description or CID is a simplified specification that describes, by functional, performance, or essential physical requirements, the available, acceptable commercial products that will satisfy the government's needs. CIDs are technical documents that are easy for suppliers to use and that allow manufacturers to provide products to the government from their standard product line. CIDs are concise, descriptive documents that relay requirements to potential suppliers in simple language. They are not intended to be instructions on how to make a particular product.



Question: When were the first Commercial Item Descriptions published?

Answer: The first Commercial Item Descriptions were published in 1979, as a direct result of the Acquisition and Distribution of Commercial Product, or ADCop, policy issued in 1976.

Question: What is ADCop policy?

Answer: In 1972, the Commission on Government Procurement recommended in its report, *Acquisition of Commercial Products*, that the government take greater advantage of efficiencies offered by the commercial market. Congress similarly directed improvements to the procurement process by passing the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act in 1974. Then in May 1976, the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) issued ADCop policy requiring agencies to purchase commercial products and use commercial distribution systems whenever such products or distribution systems adequately satisfy the government's needs. The focus of this policy was

to take advantage of the innovation and efficiencies of the commercial marketplace, to avoid developing government-unique products when commercial products were available, and to prevent the use of government systems for distributing products when commercial distribution channels are adequate. The policy emphasized the importance of knowing customers' needs in conjunction with the market conditions before drafting product descriptions.

Question: Where can I find information about Federal Product Descriptions, including CIDs?

Answer: GSA maintains a list of all Federal Product Descriptions on its Web site www.gsa.gov. The Acquisition Streamlining and Standardization Information System (ASSIST) maintained by the Department of Defense also contains information about government standardization documents. ASSIST also provides electronic access to government standardization documents over the internet at assist.daps.dla.mil.





Question: What is a Voluntary Consensus Standard?

Answer: Voluntary consensus standards are those standards, specifications, and handbooks promulgated by voluntary standard bodies. Voluntary standard bodies are nongovernment bodies that are broadly based, multi-member organizations, including, for example, nonprofit organizations, industry, associations, and professional and technical societies. The *National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995* (P.L. 104-113) and OMB Circular A-119 *Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Standard and in Conformity Assessment Activities* established policy to be used by executive branch agencies in working with those organizations that develop voluntary standards, and in adopting and using the standards. The circular directs agencies to use in whole or in part those voluntary standards that will serve the agencies' purposes. Furthermore, it not only stated a preference for voluntary consensus standards but also encouraged the "participation by knowledgeable agency employees in the standards activities of voluntary standard bodies and standard-developing groups."

Question: What is GSA's role today?

Answer: Today, GSA, as administrator of the Federal Standardization Program, continues to promulgate federal standardization policies and procedures. The Federal Standardization Manual is in the process of being rewritten and a revised Manual is due to be completed later this year.

GSA continues to mandate the use of voluntary consensus standards when available and encourages its standards developers to participate in voluntary standards groups. When a voluntary standard does not exist, a federal product description may be developed and used in procurement. GSA's goal is to provide the best value to its customers by standardizing commercial consumable items.

Supplying Forward

GSA Partners with DoD to get the Job Done



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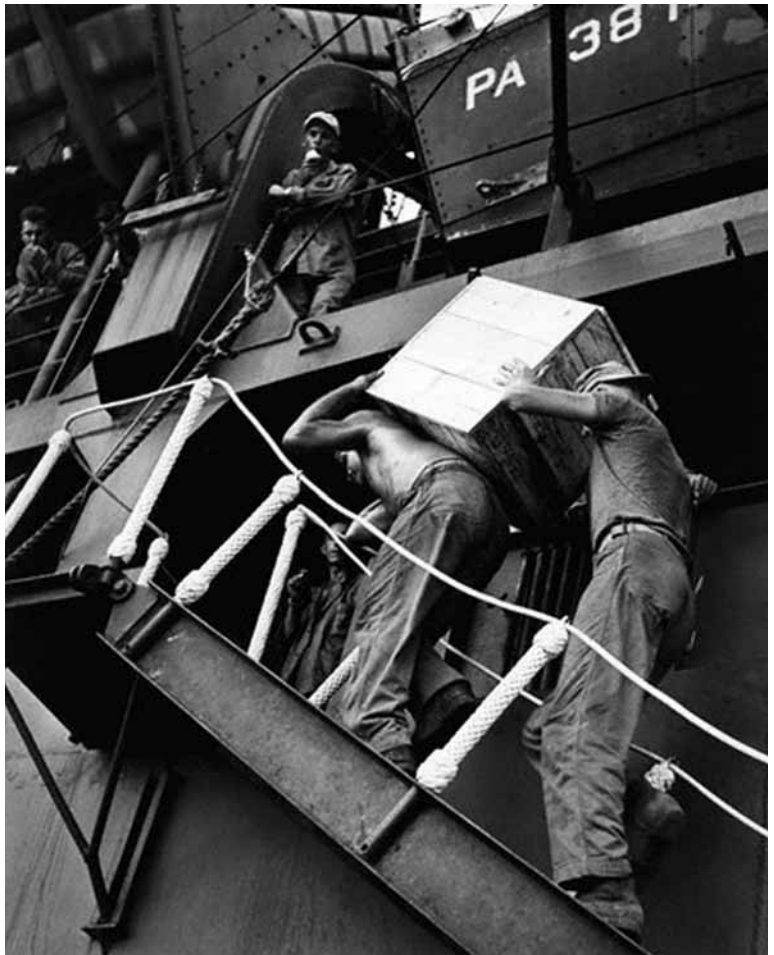
U.S. Army soldiers with the 11th Quartermaster Detachment, 82nd Airborne Division at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan assemble bundles for humanitarian relief efforts. The bundles, in this case of drinking water and seeds, are dropped from a USAF C-17 Globemaster III using a joint precision airdrop system. GSA supports these and other logisticians throughout Afghanistan.

A Quick Look Back

WWII was the first war fought by the U.S., on a truly global scale. This required a high degree of planning, production, and distribution from the War and Navy Departments. Sea transport was the only means of handling large deployments of troops and supplies and became the most important single logistical element of the war. The Depot became a reality with the realization by the War Department that war on two fronts would increase the need for war materiel and swamp existing storage facilities in the continental United States. Supplies normally flowed from factories into depot stocks then either to post camps and stations for units in the U.S. or ports of embarkation for shipment overseas. Holding points near the ports were used to control the flow of materiel into ports and prevent port congestions.

Early in the war, the Army supply system was based on a system that pushed supplies forward on an automatic or semi-automatic basis with no provision for the possibility of over or under supply. During the war, the supply system shifted to a requisition-based system, pushing supplies forward more selectively based on need.

The American logistical effort, in its larger aspects, was civilian as well as military and involved the nation's economy. In the military sphere, the Navy and War Departments retained a high degree of autonomy for planning, production, and distribution. The War Shipping Administration was charged with allocation and control of American merchant shipping. The War Production Board was the arbiter of all industrial war production.



Throughout the war, military strategies were often limited by logistical constraints. The logistics decision made on production programs affected the range of choices open to the military strategist. And the supply system was required to react with detailed preparations in the support of strategy.

Source:

United States Army in World War II. The War Department, Global Logistics and Strategy 1943-1045. 1968. Robert W Coakley and Richard M. Leighton, Center of Military History, United States Army.

Moving Forward

Recently, the military has focused significant attention to streamlining and improving supply distribution to military installations worldwide.

United States military forces worldwide know that GSA products are needed for mission success. GSA's office supplies, bulk paper products, tools, and many industrial products are basic sustainment items for our troops wherever they are deployed.

The U.S. Transportation Command, Defense Logistics Agency, and GSA Global Supply™ established a formal partnership to improve supply chain management practices and processes in support of the armed forces. Goals include integrating supply chain operations planning, sharing best practices and business intelligence, and collaborating across organizational boundaries to improve supply support to DoD around the world. GSA is working extensively with DoD to help improve the delivery process of military shipments into Afghanistan. The military is experiencing firsthand the value of pulling GSA into the supply chain

planning process – on time delivery of critical supplies. General Norton Schwartz, Commander of Transportation Command (USTranscom) recognized the work by GSA Global Supply in streamlining stocking and distribution processes in support of forward deployed forces. Improvements to warehouse processes, ocean container utilization, and vessel booking procedures by Global Supply have vastly increased the speed of getting material to the warfighter while reducing costs and improving supply chain efficiency.

Afghanistan Support

GSA's supply chain for our military forces in Afghanistan starts with the customer in Afghanistan. These customers submit their orders, which most often take the form of a requisition submitted through the standard MILSTRIP system (Military Standard Requisitioning and Issue Procedures). These transactions flow to GSA via the Defense Automated Addressing System (DAAS), but also via GSA's ADVANTAGE web portal. GSA's automated supply systems then determine best sourcing for these



DoD photo by Staff Sgt. Brian Ferguson, U.S. Air Force.

Bundles drop from a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft during a combat cargo drop over a drop zone in Afghanistan on Oct. 11, 2007. Sixty-two cargo bundles in all were dropped by the flight during the mission.



orders (i.e., issuance from GSA stock or as direct shipments from vendors.) Estimates of the value of GSA freight moving into Afghanistan for FY '09 are highly preliminary as of the preparation of this article, especially in view of the increased troop levels. As of March, 2009, GSA has shipped product valued at an estimated \$90 million to Afghanistan during FY 2009. Over half of that material will ship from GSA's stock program.

GSA's shipments into Afghanistan are carefully coordinated with the Department of Defense. Product moves from GSA stock or from GSA vendors into the Defense Transportation System. Depending upon customer-furnished priority designators and other criteria, product may move by air or by surface (over-ocean). GSA product is also stored at the Defense Logistics Agency's distribution site in Kuwait, and orders may be sourced there as well. All transportation moving into Afghanistan is under the coordination of the United States Transportation Command.

- Orders are approved by the individual military services for air shipment and then provided to the Air Mobility Command. Freight typically departs from Dover AFB, DE on the east coast, destined for Kandahar and Bagram in Afghanistan.
- Surface freight is transported via ocean carriers under contract to the Surface Deployment and Distribution Command. Major contract carriers include: Maersk Lines, Hapag-Lloyd, and American President Lines.

Ocean freight for Afghanistan support has moved for most of the Afghanistan deployment history into Karachi, Pakistan, and then via a land route, entering Afghanistan from a route situated west of Islamabad. In response to uncertainty in the stability of this land supply route starting in the latter part of 2008, DOD began developing alternate land distribution routes from north of Afghanistan.

- Starting in January of 2009, GSA participated in testing of new route alternatives by providing freight that traveled by train through Germany, Latvia, Russia, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan, then into Afghanistan.
- A second route test in process as of creation of this article traveled via the Mediterranean and the Black Sea to Georgia, thence to Kazakhstan via the Caspian Sea, and through Uzbekistan into Afghanistan.

The increased attention to the Central Asia countries occasioned by the northern distribution routes has also raised possibilities of product sourcing closer to Afghanistan. As this article went to press, GSA was actively moving forward with market research, including communications with vendors on GSA MAS 874V and entities in Central Asia. The Defense Logistics Agency is also involved in sourcing initiatives closer to Afghanistan.

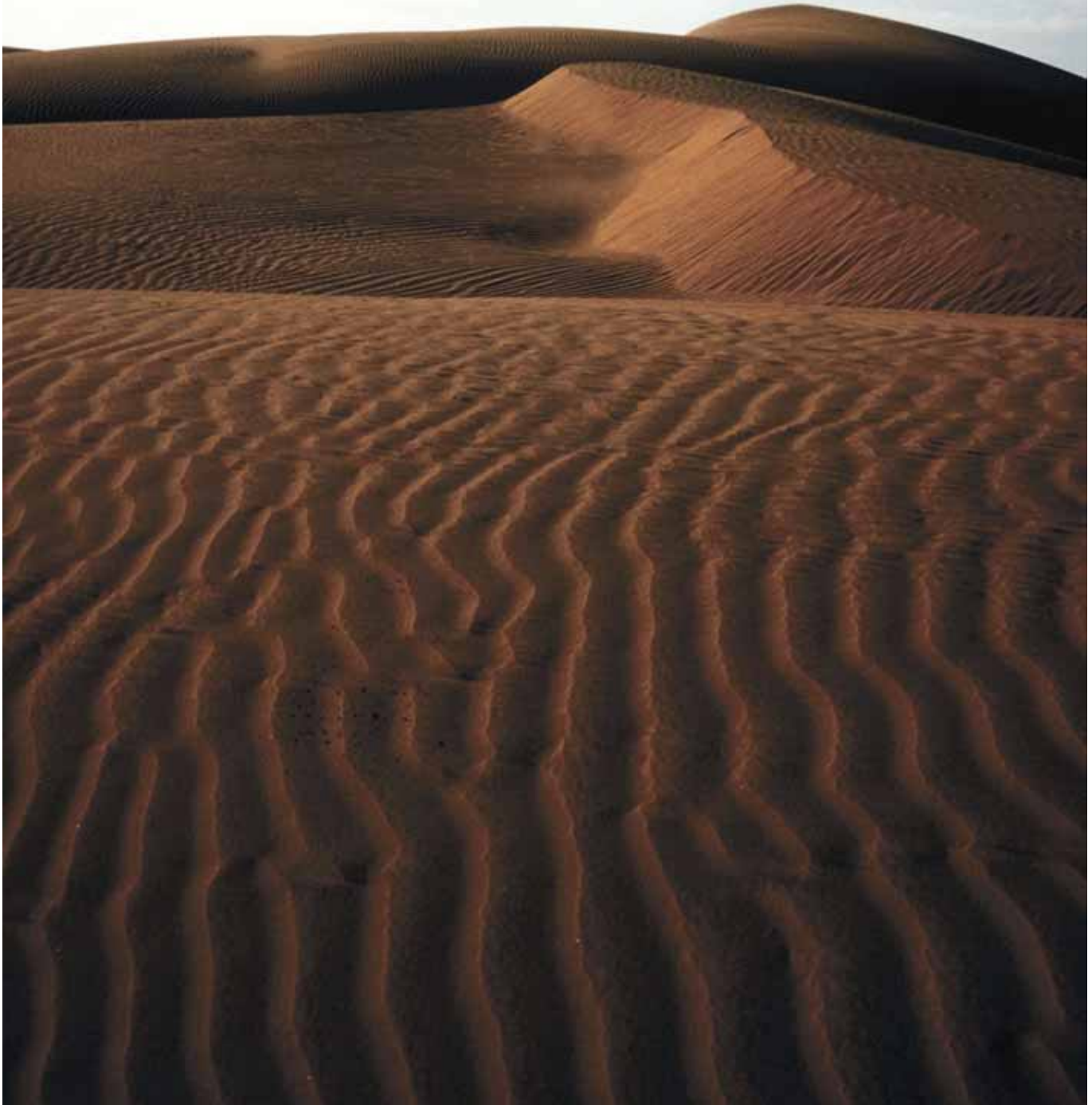
GSA's role in the changing supply chain support to Afghanistan is a reflection of:

- GSA's legacy role as a supply provider to DOD in partnership with the Defense Logistics Agency;
- Improved alignment for global distribution under the USTRANSCOM / DLA / GSA MOA (January 31, 2008) to improve support to DOD worldwide; and
- GSA's participation in global supply chain distribution also reflects how DOD's global mission is increasingly involving other federal agencies as described in DOD strategic planning documents such as the Quadrennial Roles and Missions Review Report (DOD, January 2009).

Left: U.S. Air Force airmen and Army soldiers load 40 pallets of water into a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, in preparation for an airdrop mission on Dec. 19, 2007. Members of the 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, out of Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, provide airlift and airdrop capabilities to ground units in Afghanistan that are in need of supplies, ammunition and sustenance, as well as transporting personnel and equipment.

Kuwait Distribution Center

Another way GSA is achieving this improved service to Afghanistan is through the Defense Distribution Center Kuwait. At DoD's request, GSA Global Supply™ activated inventory in this location to support warfighters in Afghanistan, in addition to existing support of warfighters in Iraq and Kuwait. This change improved DoD readiness in the Afghan theatre by cutting surface delivery time of needed supplies by nearly 50 percent (25 days from Kuwait compared to 47 days from the U.S.). During fiscal 2008, GSA product valued at \$73 million shipped from the Defense Distribution Center Kuwait to Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait.



Marine Corp ServMart

In another instance, GSA was designated as the U.S. Marine Corps Garrison Retail Supply chain provider. GSA's year long partnership with the corps achieved a milestone in the signing of an intra-governmental support agreement designating GSA as the Garrison Retail Supply chain provider. Support includes a dedicated virtual servmart ordering Web site, as well as managing supply fulfillment support in the Corps' brick-and-mortar servmart stores.

Since 2003, the Marines have performed in a variety of analyses designed to maximize the value of their personnel. A significant number of Marine staff were devoted to non-critical support functions including Garrison supply. By 2006, the Marines had concluded that substantial efficiencies could be realized if they were to pursue an enterprisewide supply chain solution.

In addition to redirecting staff to focus on core mission, war fighting, the concept had the potential to increase consistency in supply operations and enhance



accountability. Instead of coordinating unique supply operations at each Marine base, and varied approaches for Marines worldwide, a single Supply Chain Manager could effectively and efficiently create and manage a single system to support "brick and mortar" operations at key bases and an online presence for all Marines.

On November 10, 2007, GSA launched the USMC ServMart site to provide online access to office products,

tools, computer products, and other supplies for the U.S. Marine Corps. Additionally, GSA and the Marines are working together to enhance enterprisewide retail stores by offering an expanded product selection and improving retail stores' appearance.



Quonset: 60 Years in the Making

The Evolution of an American Icon



While the name may not be familiar, the Quonset hut is as iconic as the traditional American red barn. Whether driving in the rural countryside, through industrial centers, airport facilities, garden centers, small towns, big cities, or any place in-between, this building's incredibly versatile design is deeply entrenched in our every day experience, whether we realize it or not. Once you recognize the simplicity of its shape, the versatility of its purpose, and the durability of its design the Quonset hut becomes a structure impossible to ignore.



Like GSA, this year, the Quonset hut celebrates its 60 year anniversary. Prior to World War II, it became apparent that the military would require a way to quickly house people and protect materials at military bases at home and overseas. The structure had to be made of inexpensive, lightweight, and portable material so it could be shipped anywhere and put up quickly with no special skill or tools required.

At this time a new Navy base was nearing completion at Quonset Point, Rhode Island. With the threat of war becoming more real every day, in March of 1941, the military asked Peter Dejongh and Otto Brandenberger of the George A. Fuller Company to design and produce a hut to U.S. specifications within two months. Dejongh and Brandenberger adapted an earlier British design by using corrugated steel and semi-circular steel arched ribs. The two ends were covered with plywood, which had doors and windows. Major improvements over the original British design were an interior Masonite lining, insulation, and a one-inch tongue-in-groove plywood floor on a raised metal framework.

The name originates from the hut's place of birth - Quonset Point, Rhode Island. Quonset itself is an Native American word meaning, appropriately, "long place."

The demand for these structures was so intense that the first ones went into production while the design was still being completed. The original hut was a 16 feet wide by 36 feet long semi-circle, constructed out of heavy 1-inch thick steel "T" shaped steel and angle iron arches and covered in corrugated metal. Known as "T-Rib" Hut, it took a crew of eight men per day to assemble.

In June of 1941 the Navy made its first shipment of Quonset Huts overseas. A flaw in the original design was quickly discovered, as the curve line of the sidewalls began at the floor which resulted in a loss of effective width of the hut. A second version was quickly developed. It was the same size but included a four foot high vertical sidewall.

After several thousand of the T Rib huts were produced, they were again re-engineered to assemble faster and cost less. The result was the Quonset Stran-Steel Hut which allowed assembly by a crew of six with no special skills using just a hammer. Over the next several years, the hut design was continuously improved to meet changing specifications. As finally developed, the Quonset Hut required less shipping space than did tents with wood floors and frames, when equal numbers of men were to be accommodated.

The flexible open interior space of a Quonset hut allowed them to be used for hundreds of applications including barracks, offices, medical and dental offices, isolation wards, bakeries, chapels, theaters, latrines, and more. As the necessity arose for adapting the huts to a new use, the details were worked out and checked by actually erecting units at the Davisville Base. In all, 86 approved interior layout plans were prepared. In many cases it was necessary to develop special interior equipment, such as special ovens, to fit the Quonset hut form.



Living In a Quonset Hut Is Like Eating Spam."
-Tim Clark Yankee Magazine

To meet the growing demand, a number of other companies produced variations of the Quonset Hut for the Military during the Second World War:

- The Pacific Hut Company was formed to produce an all-wood hut for Arctic use.
- Butler Manufacturing made a squat hut with U-shaped arch ribs.
- Jamesway Manufacturing made a hut with wooden ribs and insulated fabric covering.
- Armco International made heavy-weight arched bunkers to store ammunition.
- Cowan and Company made semicircular warehouses for the Air Corp.

When the war ended, Quonset Huts were sold to civilians for about a thousand dollars each. They made serviceable single-family homes. Universities made them into student housing and returning veterans occupied Quonset huts by choice.

In June of 1941 the Navy made its earliest shipment of Quonset Huts abroad and by the mid-1950s, 160,000 Quonset Huts had been shipped to points all over the world. By allowing for the rapid deployment of forward bases in war zones the hut could be flown in by helicopter and just as simply removed. Entire communities were built in a day. Facilitating a new kind of nomadic military, these instant modular cities could sustain troops on harsh terrains. The Quonset hut protected America's overseas Army presence and quietly contributed to the worldwide spread of U.S. military power during the middle of the 20th century.

Over the course of World War II there were between 150,000-170,000 Quonset huts manufactured. The distinctive half-moon shaped structure of corrugated steel the hut was used in all theaters of WWII and succeeding

conflicts. Frequently several Quonsets were attached end to end or placed side by side. The largest wartime collection of huts was said to have been “a 54,000-square-foot warehouse on Guam called the Multiple Mae West.” It rapidly became a classic military structure and a wide ranging emblem of military life. Many are still standing throughout the United States and other parts of the world. One of the original manufacturers, Butler Manufacturing, remains on GSA’s Multiple Award Schedule Program today.

GSA Multiple Award Schedule 56

Now known as Prefabricated Buildings, Quonset huts and many other structural solutions are available through GSA’s Multiple Award Schedule 56.

GSA MAS 56 provides a full range of commercial products and services covering such areas as buildings and building materials/industrial services and supplies. In addition, this program offers energy saving building supplies, alternative energy solutions, and related services.

This Schedule offers the following eight broad categories of products and services:

- Federal Supply Class 39 - Warehouse Equipment and Supplies;
- Federal Supply Class 46 - Air and Water Purification Equipment and Sewer Treatment Equipment;
- Federal Supply Class 49 - Maintenance and Repair Shop Equipment;
- Federal Supply Class 54 - Pre-engineered/Prefabricated Buildings and Structures;
- Federal Supply Class 54 - Above Ground Storage Tanks/Systems, Fuel Dispensing Units and Fuel Management Systems;
- Federal Supply Class 56 - Building Materials;
- Federal Supply Class 61 - Power Distribution Equipment, Generators, and Batteries; and,
- Federal Supply Class 62 - Solar Energy Systems, Energy Saving Lighting Products, and Specialty Lighting.



Today's Innovations

Now available under GSA MAS 56 are green roofs, which are building roofs partially or completely covered with vegetation and soil or a growing medium planted over a waterproofing membrane. These roofs shelter buildings from weather elements, while helping to expand a building's lifespan more than conventional roof coverings. The benefits of going green with rooftops include:

- Energy reduction;
- Noise/sound insulation;
- Reduced storm-water runoff;
- Vegetation growing (for cleaner air);
- Pollutant filtering in air and rainwater;
- Heating and cooling load reduction on buildings; and
- Amenity space and aesthetic appeal.

The concept of green roofs was developed to increase the lifespan of a roof's waterproofing membrane, while reducing building operational costs. These green-roof systems are flexible and can be configured for both new and existing facilities to improve performance, ensure a sustainable roof system, and contribute to a healthier environment. As the acquisition experts, we at GSA stand ready with an array of integrated solutions to help you establish a single green-roof system, or as many as your agency needs. And, with GSA, compliance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is assured.

Green-roof technology serves as an energy-reduction goal in accordance with the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and also assists building owners in achieving LEED certification. Green roofs are part of GSA MAS 56, Buildings and Building Materials/Industrial Services and Supplies. Providers of green roofs can be found in GSA eLibrary, accessible at www.gsa.gov/elibrary.





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Realignment – Then and Now



Supplying the military during the Second World War was an enormous task. As a result, DLA set up a number of depots around the country to address the demand. Each site was carefully chosen to take advantage of specific benefits, but as the war came to an end, and demand for supplies was declining, the military began to streamline operations and scale down facilities.

In response to the end of the Second World War and changing economic conditions, the U.S. government sought ways to streamline and downsize operations that were redundant or no longer necessary. One of those efforts was the realignment of Supply Depots across the Nation. Today, that realignment could be compared to the military's current Base Realignment and Closure effort, or BRAC. Here we use the two efforts as bookends to the last 60 years.



Supply Depots – Then

Fort Worth, Texas

The Fort Worth Quartermaster Depot served as a distribution point and supply center for the United States Army. Fort Worth was in close proximity to area army camps, large packing plants, highways, and railroad lines. Construction of the \$10 million depot began in the winter of 1941-42 and included extension of lines of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, and the Santa Fe railroads to the site. The army activated the supply point on May 4, 1942. Within two months, the eighty-four-building depot also became a distribution center for the armed forces.

In December of that year the army designated the site as an emergency supply point for troop trains. The Fort Worth

Quartermaster Depot's supply area covered all or parts of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico, Louisiana (excluding New Orleans), and Arizona. By the end of 1943 it was the second or third largest military supply center (according to the number of troops supplied) in the nation. The depot continued to operate after the end of World War II, but at a greatly reduced level of activity. In the early 1960s the supply center ceased operations.

Stockton, California

In September of 1941 construction began on the Stockton Ordnance Depot in California. Located 83 miles east of San Francisco and 48 miles south of Sacramento on the south bank of the Stockton Deep Water Channel, Stockton would become a busy port for incoming and outgoing personnel and supplies. The area included military storage

facilities such as warehouses, a fire station, gasoline stations, repair shops, a paint shop, barracks, mess halls, a service club, administration building, and storage tanks. The site was later designated Quartermaster Motor Depot and also became known as the Stockton Motor Repair Depot. The Stockton Ordnance Depot operated motor depot facilities, motor maintenance facilities, a motor repair school, general storage facilities, a hospital area, and a prisoner of war camp holding German and Italian prisoners of war.

In 1945 construction began on the three large warehouses and a storage yard that exist today. Beginning with its construction in 1944, Naval Supply Annex Stockton (NSAS) (Rough and Ready Island) was used by the Navy as a supply depot and disposal facility. In 1960, Naval Communications Center San Francisco became a tenant of the NSAS. As the need for supply facilities continued to dwindle, civilian, Army, and non-military government

tenants were brought in. In 1954 the General Services Administration moved in to nearly half of the warehouses, and in 1965 the NSAS was decommissioned and Naval Communication Center, Stockton was established on the island.

Sharpe Army Depot

Originally constructed in 1942 as the Lathrop Holding and Reconsignment Point and the Lathrop Engineer Depot, Sharpe stored supplies for the Port of Stockton, a nearby deepwater port of embarkation. In 1946, it was redesignated the Stockton General Depot and two years later, renamed the Sharpe General Depot. In 1962, it became the Sharpe Army Depot. During the Vietnam War, the depot became a major supply center for troops in Southeast Asia and performed depot level maintenance on fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters. Sharpe Army Depot maintenance mission was discontinued at the end of FY 1976, and was transferred to DLA in 1992.



Somerville Depot

The Depot was originally constructed in 1942 and 1943 as an Army Quartermaster Depot and prisoner of war camp. In 1947, the VA acquired 355 acres for use as a supply depot. Somerville Depot is a Defense National Stockpile Center (DNSC) facility. DNSC was created after World War II with a mission of acquiring and storing strategic and critical materials for national defense purposes. The stockpile of materials was intended to decrease dependence upon foreign sources of supply in the event of national emergency.

The Somerville Depot consists of approximately 77 acres of land. The depot stores various materials, including metallic ores, refined metals, mineral substances, and natural organic materials. Ores are stored in both exterior bulk piles and within various containers at exterior and interior storage locations. Containerized materials are stored in four warehouses. There are 28 different types of materials stored at the Depot, including chrome ore, lead, tin, copper, zinc, nickel, graphite, rubber, and mercury. The Somerville Depot stores 2,615 metric tons (2,883 tons) of mercury in 75,980 flasks.

After the Cold War had ended, Congress directed DNSC to sell excess materials. The revenues generated from these sales go to support military operations, reduce the deficit, and fund DNSC operations. By 2020, most – if not all – DNSC depots will be closed or converted to other uses.

GSA-DLA Depot Connections

Many GSA customers will recognize familiar names in these references to past DLA Depots. Portions of the large complex in Ft. Worth were operated by GSA as a distribution center for several decades after DLA scaled back its presence. While GSA eventually ended its wholesale operations on the south side of Ft. Worth, it continues to use one of the warehouses there to store forms and to house its publications warehouse (CMLS). Also, GSA's Western Distribution Center was housed for many years in the former DLA facility at Stockton, California. It is only the last decade that those operations moved to the Sharpe Army Depot in nearby French Camp.





Fort Richardson Barracks Building, Anchorage, Alaska.

Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) – Now

Today, the military once again is working on a major realignment effort – Base Realignment and Closures, or BRAC. The purpose of the 2005 DoD Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process is to expeditiously and cost effectively realign, close, and dispose of military base activities. In addition to improving efficiency through sound business management practices, the process reorganizes installation infrastructure, supports the armed forces, increases operational readiness, and provides savings to the federal taxpayer. DoD anticipates that BRAC 2005 will build upon successful processes used on the four previous BRAC efforts.

Many DOD agencies are taking measures to prepare for the changes and meet the congressional requirement that all actions be completed by September 15, 2011.

GSA is supporting this cooperative effort to ensure all actions are in accordance with environmental laws, and appropriate legislation and regulatory authorities. From the military installation level to the headquarters level, GSA's strategic approach will assist losing, gaining, and realigning installations to develop, enhance, and strengthen their capacity.

Buildings and Real Estate

GSA has been involved in the BRAC process since the first round in 1988. Beginning in 1989, the agency delegated its disposal authority to the Secretary of Defense for BRAC disposals, which means that the Military Services executed the majority of their respective disposal transactions. Nonetheless, GSA continues to assist DoD with its real property portfolio management, including monitoring the execution of BRAC disposals across all five BRAC rounds (including the most recent in 2005).

In addition, GSA assists the Military Services in the disposal of selected installations, offering community outreach support, disposal strategies, marketing and transactional expertise, and a host of other realty services. GSA's experience has been especially helpful to DoD when addressing complex deals or disposal efforts that lose their momentum.

GSA adds value by charging only actual costs incurred, providing the bulk of any sale proceeds to the landholding agency. Moreover, we can back those costs out at the close of the deal, avoiding up-front customer expenses. Beyond financial issues, GSA personnel offer expert relationship management skills and have expertise at sorting out competing claims on properties as well as related planning and zoning issues. Some examples include:

- GSA handled the online auction for the 3,700-acre decommissioned El Toro Marine Corps Air Station in southern California. It yielded a winning bid of \$650 million, the highest online bid for any government property.
- A 32-acre former missile defense base in Woolwich Township, New Jersey, at this point owned by GSA, is expected to be sold to a developer who will preserve 17 acres as open space and use the remaining land for commercial space.

- For 12 years, the disposal of the Stratford Army Engine Plant in Connecticut, a BRAC 95 closure, was going nowhere when the Army asked GSA to help move the property from federal to private ownership. Within nine months, GSA successfully auctioned the property, bringing not only cash proceeds back to the Army but also an agreement that transferred environmental remediation costs and performance to the new owner.

Products and Services

There are approximately 25 major installations being marked for closure, 24 others identified for major realignment and more than 700 other smaller specific actions. Many DOD agencies are taking measures to prepare for the changes and meet the congressional requirement that all actions be completed by September 15, 2011. The GSA is currently supporting base closures and realignment (BRAC) efforts by providing various GSA service and product solutions.

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The Greening of BRAC

One major green outcome of BRAC is the dedication of significant acreage on former bases to open space for public benefit purposes, be it parks and recreation, or wildlife conservation.

A second—and maybe the most obvious “green” dimension of BRAC—is the cleanup of contaminated sites. Not all BRAC bases are contaminated, but when this is the case, DoD, the Military, new owners, and the community work with the relevant agencies and call in the necessary resources and expertise to make sure sites pose no hazard as they are reused and given new life.

Yet a third take on “green” involves the timely transfer of properties. This yields real contributions to communities, including job creation, investment, and tax revenues that are economic “green” benefits. In this regard, GSA has demonstrated the ability to reposition even environmentally-challenged properties (such as the

Stratford Army Engine Plant) into the private sector for successful redevelopment.

GSA will eventually have an opportunity to “green” BRAC in an even more comprehensive way. Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC, is a 2005 Round V BRAC closure installation. As Walter Reed’s operations are transferred to other sites, GSA will take ownership of 34 of the Center’s 113 acres. This land will be redeveloped as a campus for federal agencies.

As we see it—and as we intend to demonstrate—the “greening of BRAC” is not just about dedicating portions of BRAC sites to open space. It is not just about cleaning up BRAC bases. It is not just about successful conversion of former defense installations for economic benefit. It is about developing these former installations—hundreds of thousands of acres—as models of sustainable design excellence. It’s an exciting challenge, one that holds great promise for success.

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Paul Hunter and Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Hyatt, both radio maintenance technicians assigned to the 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, use brushes to clear dust and debris from the solar panel of a giant voice tower at an undisclosed air base.



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Ask the **Personal Property Expert**



Welcome to GSA's "Ask the Expert" column. Here, we answer commonly recurring questions received about Personal Property Management.

This month features questions about GSA's Exchange/Sale Program.

We Want to Hear from You!

We would like to gather your questions in advance and then respond to them. Please send any questions to asktheexpert@gsa.gov. You may well see your question in our next edition!

Does your agency have property that you need at your new location but don't want to take with you?

Consider Exchange/Sale

Question: What is Exchange/Sale?

Answer: It is similar to trading in your car. Commonly used for vehicles and heavy construction equipment, Exchange/Sale can also be used for other types of property such as office furnishings and galley equipment.

GSA's Exchange/Sale program allows agencies to exchange or sell non-excess, non-surplus personal property and apply the exchange allowance or proceeds of sale in whole or in part payment for the acquisition of similar property.

Question: What are the advantages of Exchange/Sale?

Answer: There is no charge for packing and shipping. Your new equipment arrives at your new location.

Question: When should I not use the exchange/sale authority?

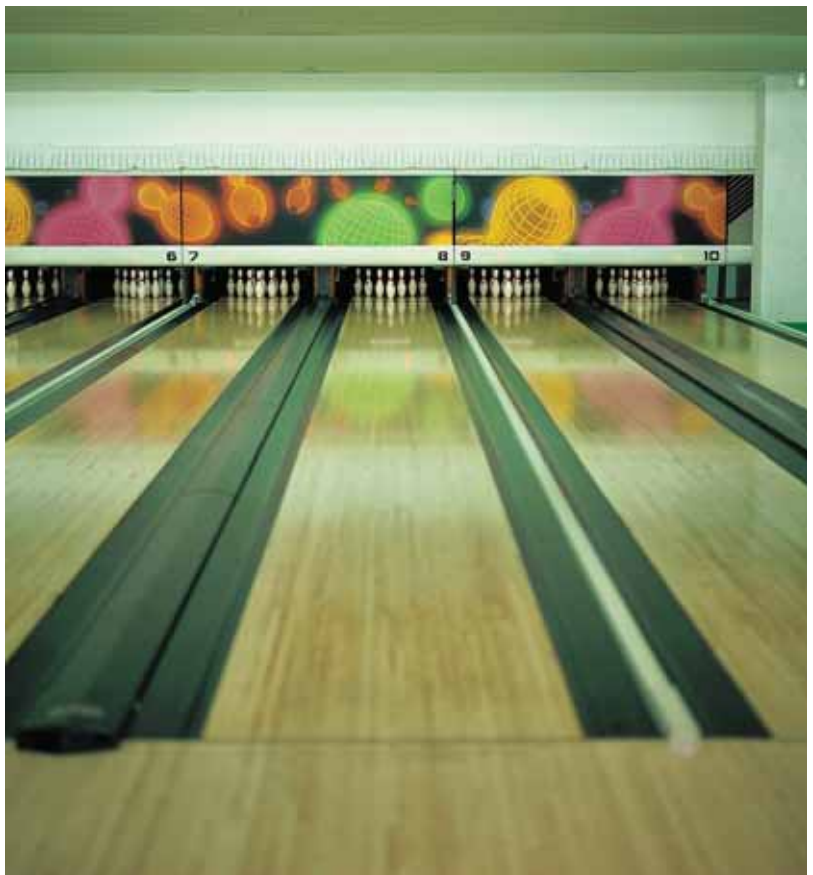
Answer: You should not use the exchange/sale authority if the exchange allowance or estimated sales proceeds for the property will be unreasonably low. You must either abandon or destroy such property, or declare the property excess, in accordance with Part 102-36 of the Federal Management Regulation. Further, you must not use the exchange/sale authority if the transaction(s) would violate any other applicable statute or regulation.

Question: How do I determine whether to do an exchange or a sale?

Answer: You must determine whether an exchange or sale will provide the greater return for the government. When estimating the return under each method, consider all related administrative and overhead costs.

Question: What are some of the most unique items donated or sold by GSA?

Answer: The Tamaroa (the Coast Guard vessel used in the rescue of boaters stranded during the real "Perfect Storm"), a bowling alley, Ferraris, Porsches, a grand piano, and portable toilets!





Question: When should I arrange for a reimbursable transfer of exchange/sale property to a federal agency or other eligible organization, or sell such property to a state agency for surplus property?

Answer: If you have property to replace which is eligible for exchange/sale, you should first, to the maximum extent practicable, solicit:

(a) Federal agencies known to use or distribute such property. If a federal agency is interested in acquiring and paying for the property, you should arrange for a reimbursable transfer. Reimbursable transfers may also be conducted with the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Architect of the Capitol and any activities under the Architect's direction, the District of Columbia, and mixed ownership government corporations. When conducting a reimbursable transfer, you must:

- 1) Do so under terms mutually agreeable to you and the recipient.
- 2) Not require reimbursement of an amount greater than the estimated fair market value of the transferred property.
- 3) Apply the transfer proceeds in whole or part payment for property acquired to replace the transferred property; and

(b) State Agencies for Surplus Property (SASPs) known to have an interest in acquiring such property. If a SASP is interested in acquiring the property, you should consider selling it to the SASP by negotiated sale at fixed price under the conditions specified at 102-38.125 of this title. The sales proceeds must be applied in whole or part payment for property acquired to replace the transferred property.

Question: What prohibitions apply to the exchange/sale of personal property?

Answer: You must not use the exchange/sale authority for:

- (a) The following FSC groups of personal property:
- 10 Weapons.
 - 11 Nuclear ordnance.
 - 12 Fire control equipment.
 - 14 Guided missiles.
 - 15 Aircraft and airframe structural components (except FSC Class 1560 Airframe Structural Components).
 - 42 Firefighting, rescue, and safety equipment.
 - 44 Nuclear reactors (FSC Class 4472 only).
 - 51 Hand tools.
 - 54 Prefabricated structure and scaffolding.
 - 68 Chemicals and chemical products, except medicinal chemicals.
 - 84 Clothing, individual equipment, and insignia.

Note to 102-39.60(a): The exception to the prohibition is Department of Defense (DOD) property in FSC Groups 10, 12, and 14 (except FSC Class 1005) for which the applicable DOD demilitarization requirements, and any other applicable regulations and statutes are met.

(b) Materials in the National Defense Stockpile (50 U.S.C. 98-98h) or the Defense Production Act inventory (50 U.S.C. App. 2093).

(c) Nuclear Regulatory Commission-controlled materials unless you meet the requirements of §101-42.1102-4 of this title.

(d) Controlled substances, unless you meet the requirements of §101-42.1102-3 of this title.

(e) Scrap materials, except in the case of scrap gold for fine gold.

(f) Property that was originally acquired as excess or forfeited property or from another source other than new procurement, unless such property has been in official use by the acquiring agency for at least one year. You may exchange or sell forfeited property in official use for less than one year if the head of your agency determines that a continuing valid requirement exists, but the specific item in use no longer meets that requirement, and that exchange or sale meets all other requirements of this part.

(g) Property that is dangerous to public health or safety without first rendering such property innocuous or providing for adequate safeguards as part of the exchange/sale.

(h) Combat material without demilitarizing it or obtaining a demilitarization waiver or other necessary clearances from the Department of Defense Demilitarization Office.

(i) Flight Safety Critical Aircraft Parts unless you meet the provisions of 102-32.370 of this title.

(j) Acquisition of unauthorized replacement property.

(k) Acquisition of replacement property that violates any:

- 1) Restriction on procurement of a commodity or commodities;
- 2) Replacement policy or standard prescribed by the President, the Congress, or the Administrator of General Services; or
- 3) Contractual obligation.

(l) Vessels subject to 40 U.S.C. 584.

Question: What conditions apply to the exchange/sale of personal property?

Answer: You may use the exchange/sale authority only if you meet all of the following conditions:

(a) The property exchanged or sold is similar to the property acquired;

(b) The property exchanged or sold is not excess or surplus and you have a continuing need for that type of property;

(c) The number of items acquired must equal the number of items exchanged or sold unless:

- 1) The item(s) acquired perform all or substantially all of the tasks for which the item(s) exchanged or sold would otherwise be used; or
- 2) The item(s) acquired and the item(s) exchanged or sold meet the test for similarity specified in 102-39.20 that they are a part(s) or container(s) for identical or similar end items;

(d) The property exchanged or sold was not acquired for the principal purpose of exchange or sale; and

(e) You document at the time of exchange or sale (or at the time of acquiring the replacement property if it precedes the sale) that the exchange allowance or sale proceeds will be applied to the acquisition of replacement property.



Question: What exceptions apply to the conditions for exchange/sale in 102-39.65?

Answer: The exceptions that apply to the conditions for exchange/sale 102-39.65 are:

- (a) You may exchange books and periodicals in your libraries for other books and periodicals, without monetary appraisal or detailed listing or reporting.
- (b) In acquiring items for historical preservation or display at federal museums, you may exchange historic items in the museum property account without regard to the FSC group, provided the exchange transaction is documented and certified by the head of your agency to be in the best interests of the government and all other provisions of this part are met. The documentation must contain a determination that the item exchanged and the item acquired are historic items.

Question: What are the exchange methods?

Answer: Exchange of property may be accomplished by either of the following methods:

(a) The supplier (e.g., a government agency, commercial or private organization, or an individual) delivers the replacement property to one of your organizational units and removes the property being replaced from that same organizational unit.

(b) The supplier delivers the replacement property to one of your organizational units and removes the property being replaced from a different organizational unit.

Question: What are the sales methods?

Answer: (a) You must use the methods, terms, and conditions of sale, and the forms prescribed in Part 102-38 of this title, in the sale of property being replaced, except for the provisions of §§102-38.100 through 102-38.115 of this title regarding negotiated sales. Section 3709, Revised Statutes (41 U.S.C. 5), specifies the following conditions under which property being replaced can be sold by negotiation, subject to obtaining such competition as is feasible:

- 1) The reasonable value involved in the contract does not exceed \$500; or
- 2) Otherwise authorized by law.

(b) You may sell property being replaced by negotiation at fixed prices in accordance with the provisions of §§102-38.120 and 102-38.125 of this title.

Question: What are the accounting requirements for the proceeds of sale?

Answer: You must account for sales proceeds in accordance with the general finance and accounting rules applicable to you. Except as otherwise directed by law, all proceeds from the sale of personal property under this part will be available during the fiscal year in which the property was sold and for one fiscal year thereafter for obligation for the purchase of replacement property. Any sales proceeds not applied to replacement purchases during this time must be deposited in the United States Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

Question: What information am I required to report?

Answer: (a) You must submit, within 90 calendar days after the close of each fiscal year, a summary report in a format of your choice on the exchange/sale transactions made under this part during the fiscal year (except for transactions involving books and periodicals in your libraries). The report must include:

- 1) A list by Federal Supply Classification Group of property sold under this part showing the:

- (i) Number of items sold;
- (ii) Acquisition cost; and
- (iii) Net proceeds.

- 2) A list by Federal Supply Classification Group of property exchanged under this part showing the:

- (i) Number of items exchanged;
- (ii) Acquisition cost; and
- (iii) Exchange allowance.

- b) Submit your report electronically or by mail to the General Services Administration, Office of Travel, Transportation and Asset Management (MT), 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405.

- c) Report control number: 1528-GSA-AN.

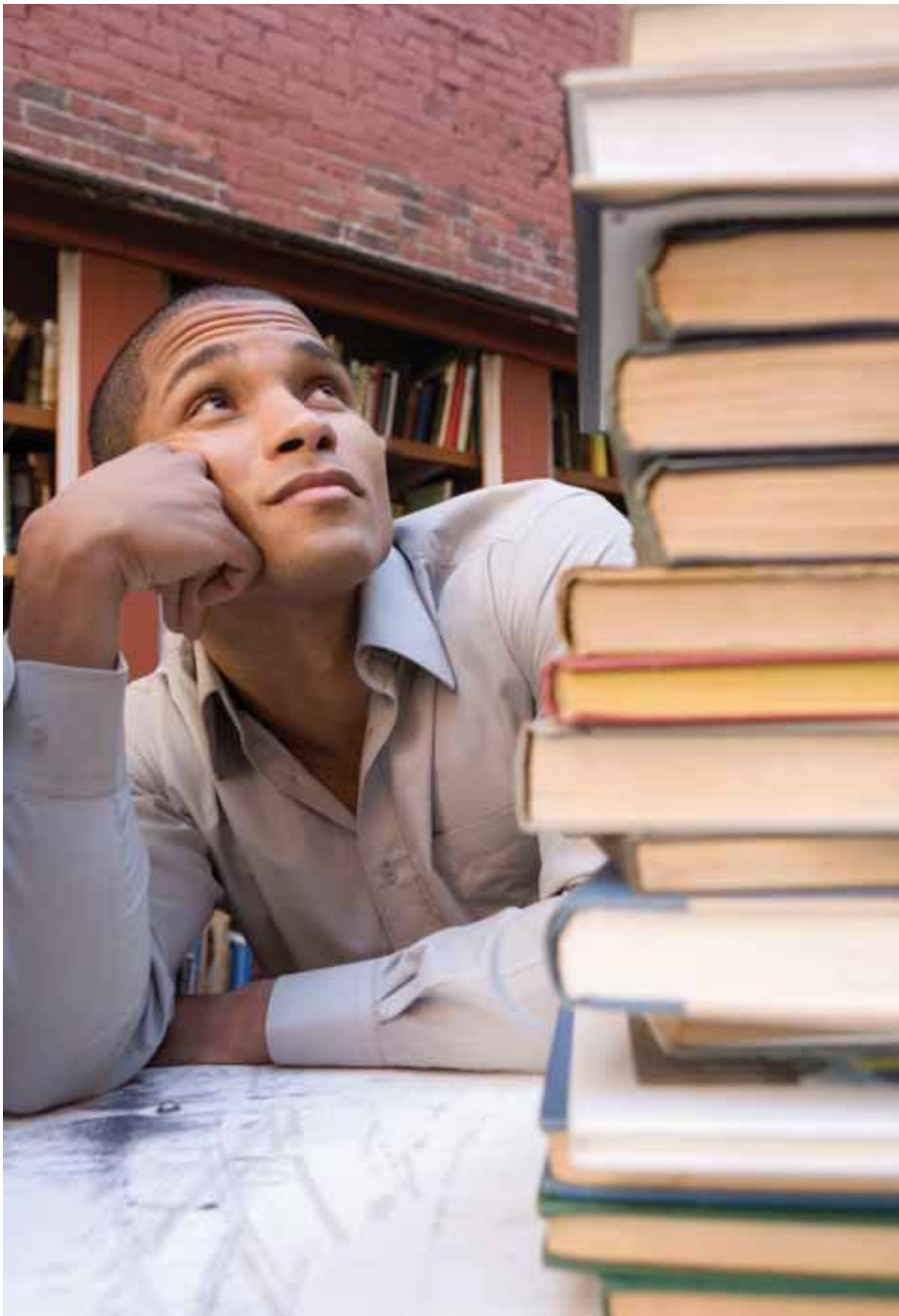
- d) If you make no transactions under this part during a fiscal year, you must submit a report stating that no transactions occurred.

Question: Who is the POC for Exchange/Sale?

Answer: Point of Contact

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George Ellery Hale and the Edge of Space

By Peter Daniel Davis

Sixty years ago, Mount Palomar's Hale Telescope extended our vision into the heavens and opened up our knowledge of the universe.

Today, it remains as an enduring symbol of the American "can-do" spirit exclaiming 'Yes, We Can!' into the farthest reaches of space.





He was followed around by an elf who gave him advice. Some of it, possibly, was on the design of telescopes which, in spite of a problem with his nerves, he did very well. George Ellery Hale also had a talent at raising funds for his projects. In 1897, he completed the Yerkes Telescope at Williams Bay, Wisconsin, the largest telescope ever built until then, a refracting telescope that was forty inches across. It was paid for by a Chicago industrialist named Charles Yerkes.

Then came the sixty-inch reflecting telescope on Mount Wilson that used a curved mirror as the main element for gathering light instead of lenses. It was completed in 1908, and the largest that had yet been constructed. After that came the Hooker Telescope on Mount Wilson, which, at one hundred inches across, now held the crown for being the world's largest telescope. Still, he dreamed of an even larger telescope that would see farther. A telescope that was twice the diameter of the Hooker telescope would gather in twice as much light and thus could see fainter and more distant objects.

Hale proposed the idea to the Rockefeller Foundation, which would pay for the project but did not want its funds going to the Carnegie Institution-supported Mount Wilson Observatory. Hale negotiated a careful balance. The Rockefeller Foundation would contribute six million dollars to the California Institute of Technology, which would work with Mount Wilson in the construction and running of the new telescope. But there was another kind of careful balance that had to be accomplished, that of securing the telescope so that it was steady but could also be pivoted and adjusted when viewing the night sky. Design of the telescope fell to John Anderson and a team of engineers and astronomers, who devised a system of resting the telescope in a tuning-fork like support system that also worked as a pivot.

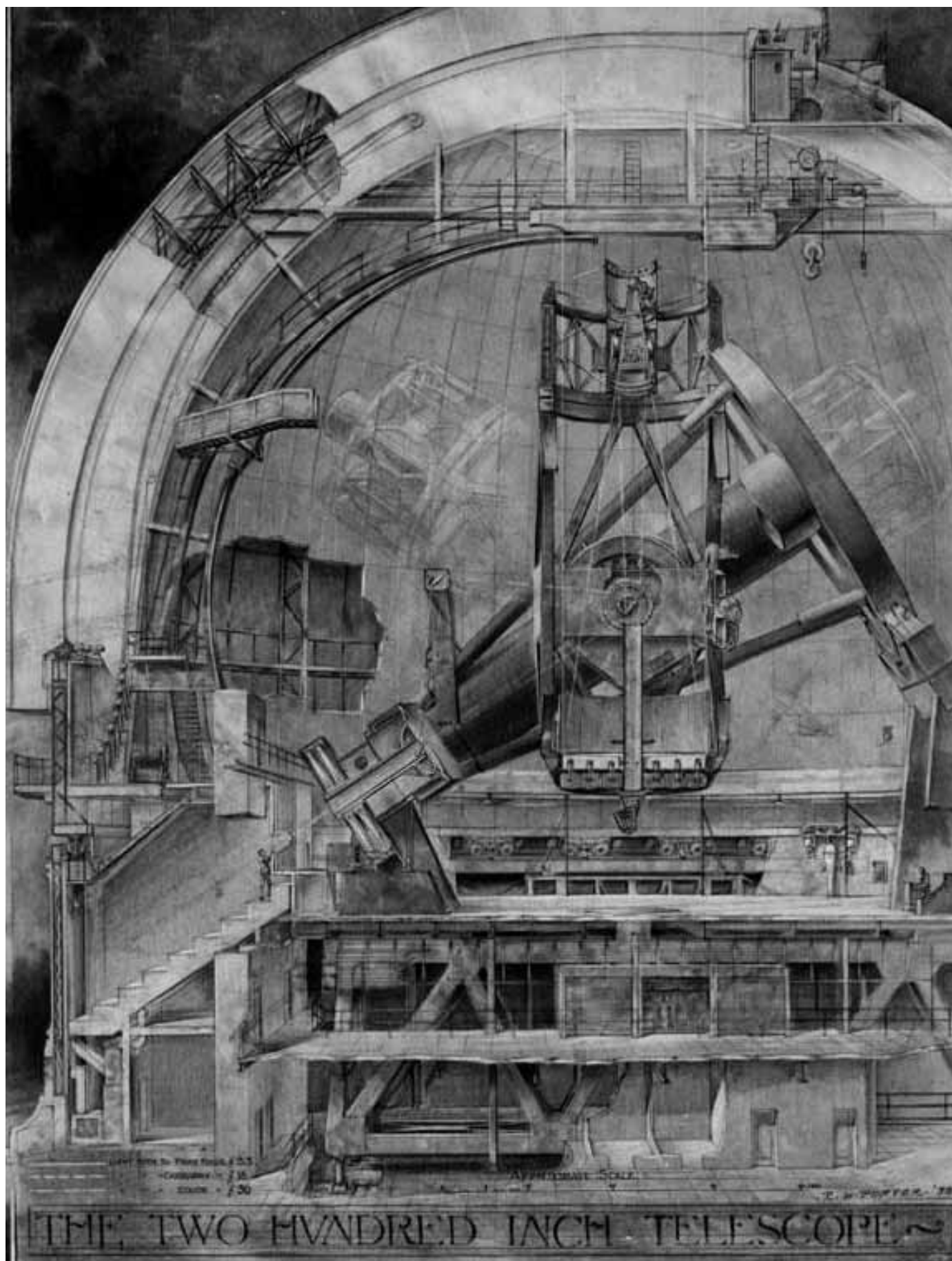
The Pyrex glass blank for the mirror was produced at the Corning Glass Works in Corning, New York. A support structure was designed that would allow for a thinner

mirror, thus saving weight. When the support system partially failed, the blank was repoured and then cooled over a period of ten months. It weighed sixty-five tons. The first, flawed blank is on exhibit at the Corning Museum.

It was transported across the country by a train that never traveled more than twenty-five miles per hour and always by day and was shielded with steel plates in case some crackpot decided to take a shot at it. Points along the route had clearance of not more than a few centimeters. The giant disk ended its travel on April 10, 1936, in Pasadena, and was delivered to the Caltech optical shop. Interrupted by World War II, grinding and polishing the huge mirror took about a decade.

Hale did not live to see the completion of his last and greatest telescope at Palomar Mountain. He died in 1938, but by then he had stepped away from the everyday world, studying the sun through a Heliostat mirror, or sun tracker.

In November 1949, the Hale telescope assumed its role as the premier telescope in the world. Since then, radio telescopes hundreds of times larger than the Hale Telescope have been constructed, and the Hubble Telescope has been launched into orbit. And yet, with new technologies adapted to the now-classic optical system, the Hale Telescope has continued to maintain an important role in the continuing discovery of space.



And even as larger telescopes come into service, the 200-inch Hale telescope remains a unique symbol. After a half-century of journalism and documentaries, the 200-inch telescope is what we expect a large telescope to look like. The proportions of the dome and the sheer mass of the machine are humbling. We have seen so many photographs, or Russell Porter's elegant line drawings, that the sleek battleship grey mounting and the stark black and silver control panels, industrial designs that paralleled the first diesel locomotives, and the first streamlined cars, seem familiar. From the glassed-in visitor's gallery, we can visualize how the telescope works. It is a far cry from today's machines, where the primacy of silicon over steel has brought us black box technologies, machines whose inner workings remain shrouded in mystery.

As stated by Ronald Florence in his book *Palomar, After 50 Years*,

After fifty extraordinary years of active research, the great machine that for two decades captivated and motivated a nation in the throes of Depression and the recovery from the World War, and for the next half-century revolutionized cosmology and astronomy by reaching into the farthest edges and early history of the universe, remains a monumental tribute to men of extraordinary insights in design, engineering, materials, and fabrication technologies, and to an era when the remarkable American "can-do" spirit in a time of widespread economic hardship brought the skills and energy of a nation together to create an enduring masterpiece of science and technology.

Sources and Suggestions for Further Reading

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Palomar, After 50 Years
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The Web site for the Palomar Observatory, home of five telescopes including the Hale Telescope, can be found at www.astro.caltech.edu/palomar/

The story of the Hale Telescope is told in Richard Preston's book, *First Light* and in Isaac Asimov's book, *Eyes On The Universe: A History of the Telescope*. David O. Woodbury's *The Glass Giant of Palomar*, though written before the completion of the Hale Telescope, gives a wonderful account of its construction.

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Then and Now



Prior to using charge cards, the government used traditional paper-based payment processes.

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Purchasing

Purchases in the U.S. Government were completed by creating a Purchase Order or SF44. Many agencies had imprest funds, which worked similar to petty cash and allowed employees to be paid back for small purchases such as office supplies. Imprest funds posed significant challenges for proper management and oversight. The Debt Collection Improvements Act of 1996 (DCIA) required the removal of most federal agency imprest funds.

Fleet

For fleet and vehicle services, the federal government would either own on-site fueling and maintenance facilities or set up Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) with local service stations for vehicle maintenance and gasoline purchases. If the vehicles were serviced at a site that didn't have an established agreement with the government, government employees would have to pay with cash and be reimbursed from the imprest fund cashier for their agency. The use of the fleet charge cards began in the early 1970s (non-GSA SmartPay®). Government employees would have to pay inside using manual swipe machines rather than using the pay at the pump technology. Receipts were mailed to the fleet center that served that particular vehicle. Random samples were taken to check for fraud and misuse (about one percent of all receipts were reviewed). Using this method of payment caused major problems with fraud and misuse of the cards because it was difficult to monitor and police.





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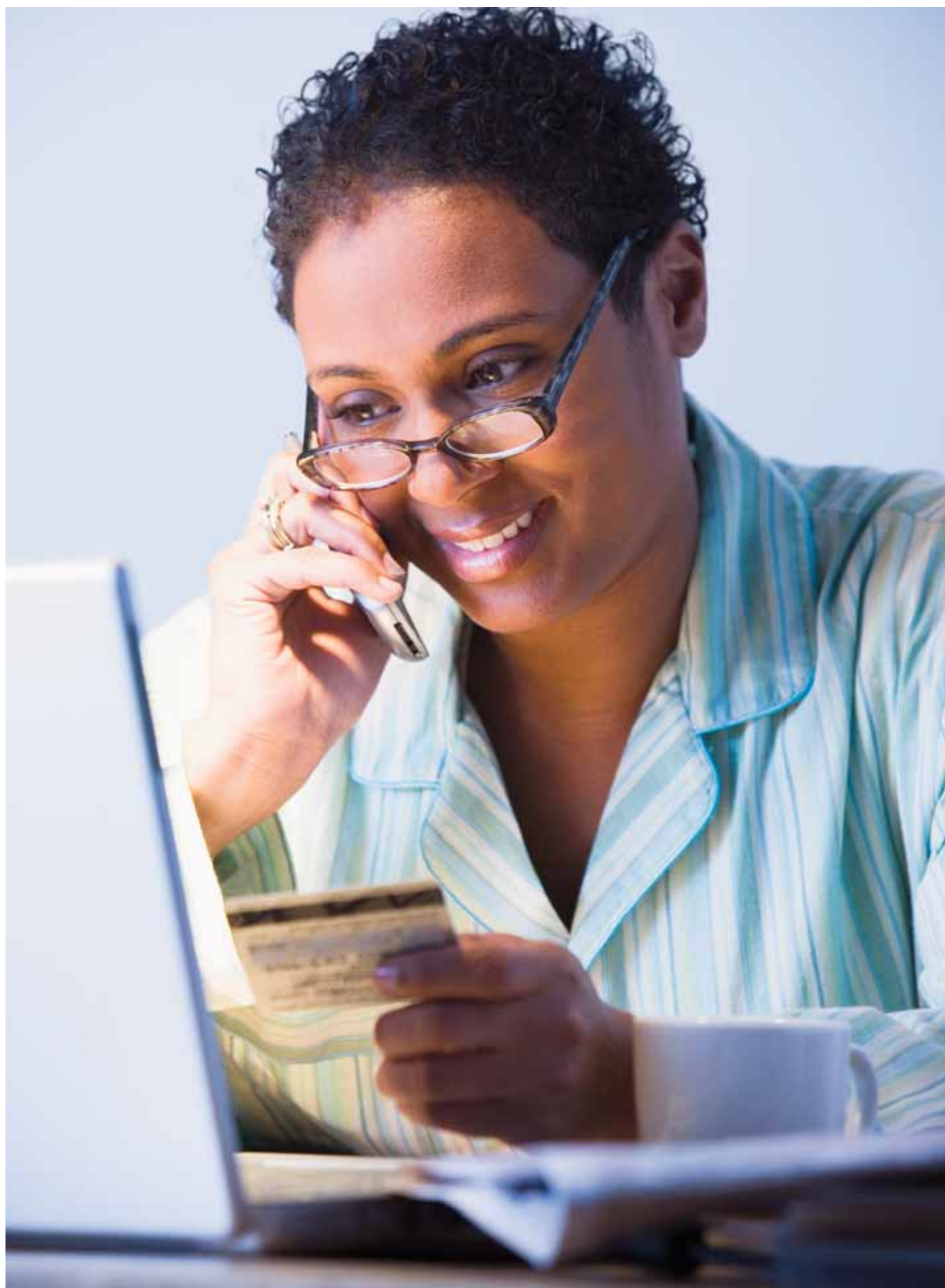
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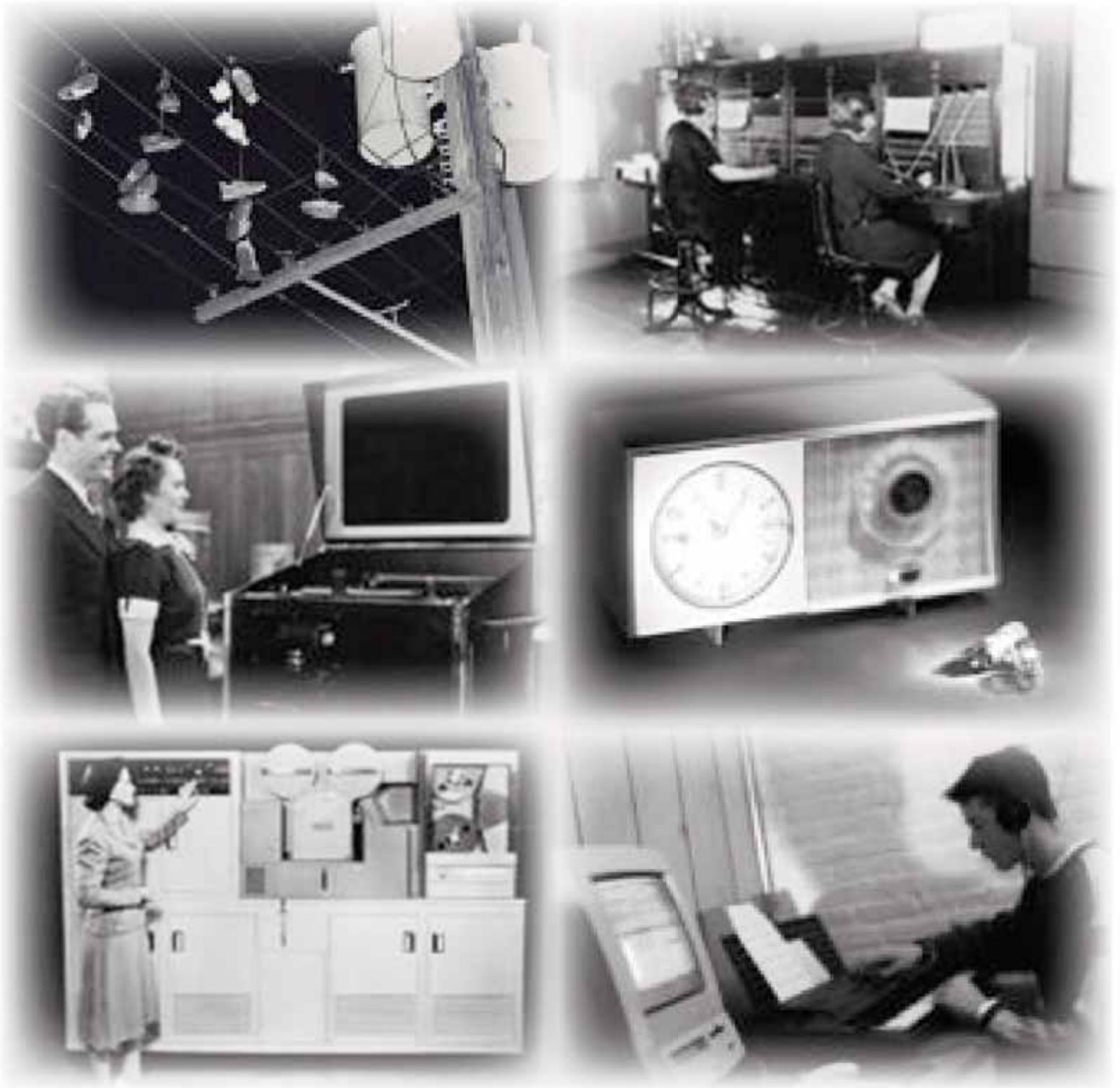
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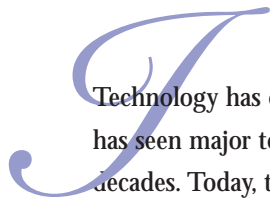
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Sixty years ago many alarm clocks had a heartbeat and only one ring tone option – a loud rooster call. The cell phone didn't become available to consumers until the early 1980's. The first handheld mobile phone in the U.S. market was the Motorola Dyna 8000X and weighed a hefty 2 pounds, offered a mere 30 minutes of talk time, and came with its own carrying bag!

Laptops, an outcome of the availability of the personal computer, weren't available until the early 1970's. The Osborne 1 was one of the first portable computers on the market – it came out in 1983 – weighing in at 23 pounds it offered a five inch screen, had no battery and only one floppy disk drive. The keyboard doubled as the computer case lid. Today, there is already movement from full fledged laptops to netbooks, a smaller, lightweight, energy-efficient version of a laptop that is especially suited for wireless communication and internet access. These netbooks are targeted for cloud computing users who access their software via the internet using Software as a Service (SaaS).

Many of today's technologies depend on the internet. From email to Software as a Service (SaaS), the internet is fundamental for allowing internetworking. Prior to

internetworking, most communication networks were limited in that they only allowed communications between the stations on the one network. While some networks had bridges between them, these bridges were often limited specifically for a single use. Users actually had to get up from one computer and use another depending on what system they wanted to tie into.

"So if I was talking online with someone at System Development Corp. (S.D.C.) and I wanted to talk to someone I knew at Berkeley or M.I.T. about this, I had to get up from the S.D.C. terminal, go over and log into the other terminal and get in touch with them. [...] there ought to be one terminal that goes anywhere you want to go where you have interactive computing. That idea is the ARPAnet."

—Robert W. Taylor, previous Director of
ARPA's Information Processing Techniques Office

The Advanced Research Projects Agency Network (ARPANET) first utilized a packet switching network, which is what the internet is based upon, and was the precursor to the internet.

There are approximately 22 million government workers who start their day with the expectation of accessing technology that is fundamental to achieving their mission including cell phones, laptops, wireless service, and internet access. GSA offers a number of vehicles for customers to access the latest IT products and services - GSA Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) 70, Governmentwide Acquisition Contracts (GWACs), and Network Services solutions.

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The Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled is the independent federal agency that administers the AbilityOne Program. The Committee's primary means of achieving its employment goal is through facilitating government purchases of supplies and services from nonprofit agencies. National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and NISH (creating employment opportunities for people with disabilities), are two national nonprofit organizations designated by the Committee to help federal agencies and nonprofit organizations that employ persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, participate in the AbilityOne Program.

As an experienced provider of both standard and custom solutions, AbilityOne's national network of more than 600 nonprofit contractors is a vehicle through which acquisition professionals may fulfill many needs. One such nonprofit contractor is Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind, or IFB. IFB is the largest employer of people who are blind in North Carolina – employing more than 300 employees through annual contracts for products and services. IFB's goal is to provide quality products, quality craftsmanship and an improved quality of life for their employees.

Over seven decades this small nonprofit agency has grown into a dynamic organization. In 1936, six workers who were blind manufactured mattresses, brooms, and chairs; and today it is the largest employer of blind people in North Carolina with more than 300 workers that produce AbilityOne products ranging from office products and

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At the age of 26, Kathy began experiencing vision problems which resulted in glaucoma. Five months after delivering her only child – a son – she lost her vision.

Working at IFB since 2004, Kathy says the people at IFB “are like a small family.” “IFB makes us feel like we are somebody,” she says. “The sighted people are very blind-friendly and the work atmosphere is very good.”



Another AbilityOne employee who works with Kathy manufacturing office products is Richard Davenport. He is responsible for assembling the staplers and keeping parts separated; and like Kathy, he also checks on the quality of the finished product.

Richard started with IFB in 1986 and prior to his current job he served as one of the department production managers. A dedicated employee at 70 years old, he has considered retirement, but remained at IFB because he enjoys his job.

Richard developed macular degeneration in his early 20s and became legally blind at age 42. He also has cataracts, glaucoma, and iritis, which caused eye inflammation.

Hard workers such as Kathy and Richard enjoy productive employment. While six out of 10 working-age Americans who are blind or have other severe disabilities are not employed, AbilityOne creates employment and training

opportunities for this population, empowering them to lead more productive and independent lives.

The Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled collaborates with NIB, NISH, the nonprofit agencies, and federal customers to make this a reality.

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This class explains, in plain language, the allowances provided to eligible civilian employees making a permanent change of duty station. Course content: travel authorizations, advances and vouchers; service agreements; househunting and en route travel; temporary quarters; shipment of household goods/automobiles; property management; real estate expenses; miscellaneous expenses; and last move home. Fast-changing updates and streamlining of federal travel allowances make annual (or even twice yearly) training strongly advised.

1750 – Relocation Income Tax Allowances (RITA) (\$875)

This course looks at the treatment of reimbursed moving expenses by federal tax regulations. Students learn to distinguish between federal tax regulations and the FTR in reaching correct decisions concerning the Relocation Income Tax (RIT) allowances and its impact on personnel assigned to new duty stations.

Frequent changes in tax laws and regulations make annual training advisable for those who must know how to identify and calculate allowable moving expenses and taxable income. Instructional methods include lectures and discussions. Students should bring hand calculators to class.

1755 – Shipping Household Goods and Transportation Management Services Solution (TMSS) Two-Day Course (\$875)

This course examines regulations on household goods and transportation. Students review entitlement and transportation regulations, practice preparing and making shipment, and work with loss and damage claims.

Now included in Shipping Household Goods, information on Transportation Management Service Solution (TMSS) which is the first comprehensive online freight and household goods transportation management system designed exclusively for federal civilian agencies. Demonstration of this dynamic new system will enable GSA customers to effectively and efficiently manage the entire transportation process and execute the following task online: Rate and route shipments, book shipments, generate bills of lading, track and trace shipments, view proof of delivery, perform repayment audits, pay for transportation services, resolve service and billing disputes, file/settle loss and damage claims, generate transportation reports, perform data analysis and facilitate post payment audits.

1760 – Temporary Duty Travel Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) (\$824)

This lecture course teaches students how to compute temporary-duty travel allowances and responsibilities concerning: travel authorizations; allowable transportation; Fly America Act; contract city-pair fares; per diem allowances; actual expense; eTravel Service (eTS); government travel charge card; receipt requirements; emergency travel; conference per diem allowance; miscellaneous expenses; and submission of vouchers. Fast-changing updates and streamlining of federal travel allowances make annual (or even twice yearly) training strongly advised.

1761 – Approving Official Responsibilities: Federal Travel Regulation (On-Site Arrangements Only)

The travel authorizing/approving official or his/her designee (e.g., supervisor of the traveler) must review and sign travel claims to confirm the authorized travel. The reviewing official must have full knowledge of the employee's activities. He/she must ensure that: the claim is properly prepared in accordance with the pertinent regulations and agency procedures; a copy of authorization for travel is provided; the types of expenses claimed are authorized and allowable expenses; the amounts claimed are accurate; and the required receipts, statements, and justifications are attached with

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the voucher. Course content: travel authorizations; allowable transportation; contract city-pair fares; per diem allowances; actual expense; eTravel Service (eTS); government travel charge card; receipt requirements; miscellaneous expenses; submission of vouchers; and approving official's responsibilities.

For more information, please call the Travel Training Branch at (703) 605-0555, or email us at travel.training@gsa.gov.

1780 – Conference Planning Six-Hour Session (\$525)

This course teaches students the new travel regulations on conference planning, allowing agencies to increase per diem and pay for light refreshments. Discussion includes: where to hold meetings and conferences nationwide; obtaining proposals; estimating budget costs; what's included in room rate; using approved hotel accommodations; agency requirements for conferences; and the best times to hold conferences.

2060 – Advanced Temporary Duty Travel – Federal Travel Regulation One-Day Course (\$565)

This advanced course provides in-depth discussion of the statute pertaining to travel authorizations and per diem allowances for domestic and foreign travel.

Discussion includes long-term Temporary Duty (TDY) assignments, mandatory use of the contract city-pair fares, and arranging travel services in accordance with FTR amendment 2003-7, eTravel Services, effective January 21, 2004. Additional topics include the mandatory use of the charge card, when conference per diem is allowed, miscellaneous expenses, receipt requirements, and voucher submission. Fast-changing updates and streamlining of federal travel allowances make annual (or even twice yearly) training strongly advised.

3000 – NEW - Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) online training available! (\$150)

As a federal traveler or travel manager, you are invited to take full advantage of GSA's first online FTR training course. This innovative Web-based course is more convenient and less expensive than traveling for training. Travelers and managers can train whenever their schedules permit – any time, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The training is easy to access, self-paced, and continually refreshed. And it provides consistency in its interpretation and presentation of the FTR. The course can be completed in as little as five hours.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ON-SITE SPECIALS

1771 – Approving Official Responsibilities: Joint Federal Regulations, Vol. 2 (On-Site Arrangements Only)

The travel authorizing/approving official or his or her designee (e.g., supervisor of the traveler) must review and sign travel claims to confirm the authorized travel. The reviewing official must have full knowledge of the employee's activities. He or she must ensure that: the claim is properly prepared in accordance with the pertinent regulations and agency procedures; a copy of authorization for travel is provided; the types of expenses claimed are authorized and allowable expenses; the amounts claimed are accurate; and the required receipts, statements, and justifications are attached with the voucher. Course content: travel orders;

transportation allowances; contract city-pair fares; premium class travel; per diem allowances; contract travel office (CTO); actual expense; miscellaneous expenses; receipt requirements; submission of vouchers; and approving officials responsibilities.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OFFERINGS

1765 – Temporary Duty Travel: Joint Federal Travel Regulations, Volume 1; (Uniformed Services \$824)

This course teaches students to understand temporary-duty travel allowances and responsibilities for uniform members for the Department of Defense. Topics covered are: travel orders; contract travel office (CTO); allowable transportation; fly America act; contract city-pair fares; per diem allowances; meal allowances; actual expense; government travel charge card; receipt requirements; emergency travel; conference per diem allowance; miscellaneous expenses; and submission of vouchers. Fast-changing updates and streamlining of travel allowances make annual (or even twice yearly) training strongly advised.

1770 – Temporary Duty Travel: Joint Travel Regulations (JTR), Volume 2 (\$824)

This course teaches students how to understand temporary-duty travel allowances and responsibilities in accordance with the Joint Travel Regulations, Vol. 2 for civilian employees with the Department of Defense. Topics covered include: travel orders; contract travel office (CTO); allowable transportation; fly America act; contract city-pair fares; per diem allowances; meal allowances; actual expense; government travel charge card; receipt requirements; emergency travel; conference per diem allowance; miscellaneous expenses; and submission of vouchers. Fast-changing updates and streamlining of travel regulations make annual (or even twice yearly) training strongly advised.

1775 – Relocation Allowances: Joint Travel Regulations, Volume 2; Three - Day Course (\$950)

This course explains allowances provided to eligible Department of Defense civilian employees making a permanent change of duty station. Course content: travel orders, advances and vouchers, service agreements, house hunting and en route travel, temporary quarters, shipment of household goods/automobiles, property management, real estate expenses, miscellaneous expenses, and last move to home entitlement. Fast changing updates and streamlining of federal travel allowances make annual (or even twice yearly) training strongly advisable.

2070 – Advanced Temporary Duty Travel: Joint Travel Regulations (JTR), Volume 2; One-Day Course (\$565)

This course provides in-depth discussion of the statute pertaining to travel orders, per diem allowances for domestic and foreign travel, transportation allowances, mandatory use of the contract airline city-pair fares, Defense Travel Service (DTS, Fly America Act, and the Civilian Board of Contract Appeals Travel Cases). Additional topics include the mandatory use of the charge card, miscellaneous expenses, receipt requirements, and voucher submission. Fast changing updates and streamlining of federal travel allowances make annual or even twice yearly training strongly advisable.

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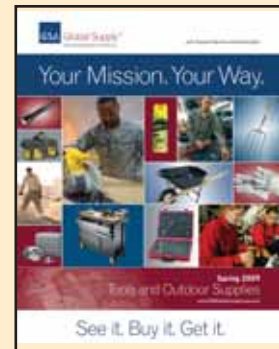
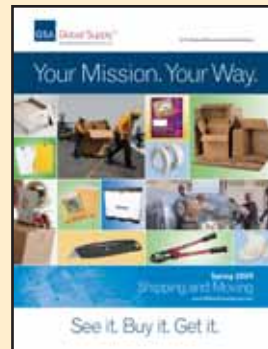
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New Convenient Size Toilet Tissue Packs

NSN 8540-01-380-0690 and 8540-00-530-3770

Two of the most popular toilet tissues from AbilityOne are now packaged in quantities of 80 rolls (instead of 96). Each roll contains additional sheets, so the total amount of tissue remains the same. The reduced box size provides easier shipping and uses less storage space. Paper is 100% recycled and meets CPG guidelines.

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NEW PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS



GSA Global Supply™ has something new just for you!



Shipping/Storage System **NEW**

Kit contains black plastic top, base and corrugated fiberboard sleeve. Pallet is 4-way entry, nestable, fire retardant, reusable, with a 3,000 lb. capacity. Made of thermoformed high density polyethelene, assembled pallet weighs 22-lbs. and features no-drop panel. Also includes eight locking clips to attach top to sleeve and sleeve to base.



▲ Actual sleeve height is 24".

NSN 8115-01-556-2579

Color Black/White

Size 40 x 48 x 30.5"

Price \$119.05 KT



▲ Actual sleeve height is 45".

NSN 8115-01-556-2581

Color Black/White

Size 40 x 48 x 51.5"

Price \$126.51 KT

▲ Actual sleeve height is 30".

NSN 8115-01-556-2580

Color Black/White

Size 40 x 48 x 36.5"

Price \$120.46 KT

▼ Shredder (High Security) NEW

Operates jam free while producing high security cut shreds. Does not require removal of paper clips or staples. Will shred credit cards and CDs. Exclusive POWERSHRED cutting system features "quiet operation" and "safe sense" technology which automatically stops shredding when hands are too close. Indicator light signals when bin (included) is full. Includes casters for portable case. **DD** AbilityOne



Machine cross cuts 5/32" x 1-1/2" up to 24 sheets per pass. Features a 12" wide entry and a 32-gallon waste capacity. Recommended for larger offices with 10 or more users.

NSN 7490-01-567-4337

Brand AbilityOne

Color Gray

Price \$1,669.34 EA

Machine strip cuts 7/32" up to 38 sheets per pass. Features a 12" wide entry and a 32-gallon waste capacity. Recommended for large offices with ten or more users.

NSN 7490-01-567-4338

Brand AbilityOne

Color Gray

Price \$1,541.88 EA

Machine cross cuts 5/32 x 1-1/2" up to 17 sheets per pass. Features a 9" wide entry and a 10-gallon waste capacity. Recommended for small offices with one to three users.

NSN 7490-01-567-4339

Brand AbilityOne

Color Gray

Price \$304.84 EA

► Spring Powered Desktop Stapler NEW

Lightweight, power assisted, desktop staplers have an ergonomic design and rubberized non-slip handle. Unique design allows horizontal or vertical placement for a smaller footprint. Made with durable plastic, staplers deliver staple-driving power with the pressure of a single finger. **DD** AbilityOne



NSN 7520-01-566-8649

Brand AbilityOne

Color Grey/Black Finish

Size 15 Sheet Capacity

Price \$20.88 EA

NSN 7520-01-566-8648

Brand AbilityOne

Color Grey/Black Finish

Size 20 Sheet Capacity

Price \$30.11 EA

NSN 7520-01-566-8647

Brand AbilityOne

Color Grey/Black Finish

Size 25 Sheet Capacity

Price \$33.34 EA

NSN 7520-01-566-8656

Brand AbilityOne

Color Grey/Black Finish

Size 60 Sheet Capacity

Price \$58.07 EA

► Report Cover NEW

Features a clear front cover which allows the entire title page to be seen. Folder includes 3 metal prong fasteners with 1/2" capacity. Back cover is made using 35% post-consumer recycled materials. **DD** AbilityOne



NSN 7510-01-566-4141

Brand AbilityOne

Color Black

Size 8-1/2 x 11"

Price \$27.42 BX (contains 25 EA)

NSN 7510-01-566-4140

Brand AbilityOne

Color Light Blue

Size 8-1/2 x 11"

Price \$27.42 BX (contains 25 EA)

NSN 7510-01-566-4142

Brand AbilityOne

Color Red

Size 8-1/2 x 11"

Price \$27.42 BX (contains 25 EA)

NSN 7510-01-566-5060

Brand AbilityOne

Color Dark Green

Size 8-1/2 x 11"

Price \$27.42 BX (contains 25 EA)

► Chlorine Free File Folder NEW

Folders are made of 11-point paper stock. Bottom is scored for 3/4" expansion. Folder is made with a water-based adhesive and are Process Chlorine Free, to protect our environment from harmful chemicals. **DD** AbilityOne



Single-ply 1/3-cut tabs.

♻️ 100% Recycled

NSN 7530-01-566-4134

Brand AbilityOne

Color Red

Size Letter Size

Price \$15.78 BX (contains 100 EA)

NSN 7530-01-566-4131

Brand AbilityOne

Color Blue

Size Letter Size

Price \$15.78 BX (contains 100 EA)

NSN 7530-01-566-4137

Brand AbilityOne

Color Yellow

Size Letter Size

Price \$15.78 BX (contains 100 EA)

NSN 7530-01-566-4132

Brand AbilityOne

Color Bright Green

Size Letter Size

Price \$15.78 BX (contains 100 EA)

NSN 7530-01-566-4135

Brand AbilityOne

Color Purple

Size Letter Size

Price \$15.78 BX (contains 100 EA)

Assortment of 100 folders includes 20 each of red, blue, yellow, green, and purple.

♻️ 100% Recycled

NSN 7530-01-566-4138

Brand AbilityOne

Color Assorted

Size Letter Size

Price \$16.32 BX (contains 100 EA)

Double-ply 1/3-cut tabs.

♻️ 100% Recycled

NSN 7530-01-566-4146

Brand AbilityOne

Color Red

Size Letter Size

Price \$19.98 BX (contains 100 EA)

NSN 7530-01-566-4144

Brand AbilityOne

Color Blue

Size Letter Size

Price \$19.98 BX (contains 100 EA)

NSN 7530-01-566-4136

Brand AbilityOne

Color Yellow

Size Letter Size

Price \$19.98 BX (contains 100 EA)

NSN 7530-01-566-4145

Brand AbilityOne

Color Bright Green

Size Letter Size

Price \$19.98 BX (contains 100 EA)

NSN 7530-01-566-4133

Brand AbilityOne

Color Purple

Size Letter Size

Price \$19.98 BX (contains 100 EA)

Assortment of 100 folders includes 20 each of red, blue, yellow, green, and purple.

♻️ 100% Recycled

NSN 7530-01-566-4143

Brand AbilityOne

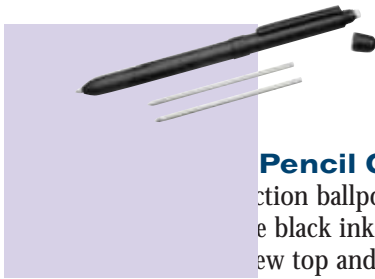
Color Assorted

Size Letter Size

Price \$22.47 BX (contains 100 EA)

The AbilityOne Program creates job opportunities for people who are blind or have other severe disabilities.





Pencil Combo NEW

combination ballpoint pen and mechanical pencil. Includes one black ink, one red ink and a white eraser. Features non-reflective black coating on brass plated steel barrel with screw on eraser cap. **DD** **SKILCRAFT** **AbilityOne**

NSN 7520-01-564-9906

Price \$19.26 EA

Aviator Pen/Pencil Refill Pack NEW

Refill package for the B3 Aviator pen/pencil combo (NSN 7520-01-564-9906) includes two each medium point black and red ink ballpoint pen refills, two white erasers, and a package of one dozen 0.5mm leads.

DD **SKILCRAFT** **AbilityOne**

NSN 7510-01-565-0621

Price \$8.19 KT



Permanent Impression Marker NEW

Permanent impression marker is perfect for writing, drawing, or lettering on almost any surface. Features durable porous tip, fade and water-resistant ink that will not smear. Stylish barrel features a rubber grip and pocket clip which indicates color of ink. **SKILCRAFT** **AbilityOne**

① 18-month maximum shelf life (extendable)

NSN 7520-01-519-4378

Color Blue

Size Fine Point

Price \$8.99 DZ

NSN 7520-01-520-3153

Color Black

Size Ultra-Fine Point

Price \$9.04 DZ

NSN 7520-01-520-3887

Color Blue

Size Ultra-Fine Point

Price \$8.99 DZ

NSN 7520-01-520-3889

Color Red

Size Ultra-Fine Point

Price \$8.99 DZ

Enabled by the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Act, the AbilityOne Program leverages the federal acquisition system to create jobs for people who are blind or have other severe disabilities. Support the effort by purchasing AbilityOne products.



New 2010 Calendars

This chart was developed to help you find your 2010 calendar ordering number with ease.

	2009 NSN	2010 NSN		Mandatory Source	U/I	Price
BASIC DESK CALENDARS						
Calendar Blotter Pad (18 x 22")	7510-01-545-3731	7510-01-545-3735		UNICOR	EA	\$3.12
Weekly Appointment Book (8-1/2 x 11")	7530-01-545-3767	7530-01-545-3770		UNICOR	EA	\$3.22
Activity Schedule (Previously OF67) (8-1/2 x 11")	7540-01-545-3714	7540-01-545-3716		UNICOR	PG (10 EA)	\$4.46
WALL CALENDAR						
Wall Calendar (8-1/2 x 11")	7510-01-545-3761	7510-01-545-3766		UNICOR	PG (10 EA)	\$5.27
AT-A-GLANCE						
At-A-Glance Flip-A-Week Refill (5-5/8 x 7")	7510-01-528-5621	7510-01-528-5621	DD		EA	\$5.43
28-Month Planner (8-1/2 x 11")	7510-01-528-8310	7510-01-528-8310	DD		EA	\$5.13
FRANKLIN COVEY REFILLS						
Franklin Covey Annual Refill Pak (Flex-Dated):						
Pocket Size (3-1/2 x 6")	7510-01-517-5921	7510-01-517-5921	DD		EA	\$25.71
Compact (4-1/4 x 6 3/4")	7510-01-517-5927	7510-01-517-5927	DD		EA	\$29.39
Classic (5-1/2 x 8-1/2")	7510-01-517-5925	7510-01-517-5925	DD		EA	\$32.15
Monarch (8-1/2 x 11")	7510-01-517-5971	7510-01-517-5971	DD		EA	\$38.13

2010 DAYMAX CALENDARS

	2009 NSN	2010 NSN		Mandatory Source	U/I	Price
BASIC DESK CALENDARS						
Calendar Pad (3-1/8 x 3-3/4")	7510-01-545-3709	7510-01-545-3774		AbilityOne	EA	\$3.03
Executive Calendar Pad (3-1/2 x 5-1/2")	7510-01-545-3773	7510-01-545-3781		AbilityOne	EA	\$2.56
Pocket Appointment Book Refill	7530-01-545-3738	7530-01-545-3741		AbilityOne	EA	\$3.50
PLANNER REFILLS						
IE/LE VERSION (5-1/2 x 8-1/2") 3-hole						
Day-At-A-View	7510-01-537-7809	7510-01-537-7872	DD	AbilityOne	EA	\$11.71
Week-At-A-View	7510-01-537-7807	7510-01-537-7871	DD	AbilityOne	EA	\$6.67
Month-At-A-View	7510-01-537-7808	7510-01-537-7866	DD	AbilityOne	EA	\$5.66
GLE VERSION (5-1/2 x 8-1/2") 7-hole						
Day-At-A-View	7510-01-537-7810	7510-01-537-7880	DD	AbilityOne	EA	\$12.93
Week-At-A-View	7510-01-537-7815	7510-01-537-7876	DD	AbilityOne	EA	\$9.11
Month-At-A-View	7510-01-537-7813	7510-01-537-7874	DD	AbilityOne	EA	\$5.12



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Synthetic-Lined Fire Hose

Lined, synthetic, woven jacket hose is light-weight and 100 feet long with aluminum rocker lug couplings. Working pressure: 450-psi. Forest Service Spec 5100-187.



◀ Type 1, standard synthetic hose.

This 1"-diameter hose features 1", 11-1/2 NPSH threaded couplings. Weight: 9.38 lbs. (NFES #1238)

NSN 4210-01-166-8122

Color White

Price \$104.95 LG (contains 100 FT)

This 1-1/2" -diameter hose features 1-1/2", 9 NH threaded couplings. Weight: 15.88 lbs. (NFES #1239)

NSN 4210-01-165-6597

Color White

Price \$117.98 LG (contains 100 FT)

◀ Type II, abrasion and heat-resistant synthetic hose with external elastomeric coating.

This 1"-diameter hose features 1", 11-1/2 NPSH threaded couplings. Pallet contains 44 boxes, with two hoses per box, for a total of 88 hoses per pallet. (NFES #0932)

NSN 4210-01-526-3000

Color Yellow

Price \$121.54 LG (contains 100 FT)

This 1-1/2"-diameter hose features 1-1/2", 9 NH threaded couplings. Pallet contains 32 boxes with, two hoses per box, for a total of 64 hoses per pallet. (NFES #0933).

NSN 4210-01-526-2977

Color Yellow

Price \$153.87 LG (contains 100 FT)



► Fire Hose Nozzle

Barrel-type nozzle with shutoff is made of aluminum alloy. Outer barrel rotates from high flow spray, to high flow straight stream, to low flow spray, to low flow straight stream, and to off. Forest Service Spec 5100-239.



Female intake is a 1", 11-1/2 NPSH, 10 to 25 gpm. (NFES #1081)

NSN 4210-01-165-6603

Size Length: 4"

Price \$24.41 EA

Female intake is 1-1/2", 9 NH, 20 to 75 gpm. (NFES #1082)

NSN 4210-01-167-1123

Size Length: 5"

Price \$44.54 EA



◀ Drip Torch NEW

Drip Torch is designed for use in igniting fires in vegetation with a mixture of diesel fuel and gasoline. Aluminum tank and handle assembly. Tank capacity is between 1-1/8 and 1-3/8 gallons. Torch has a 6" diameter. Spout/Igniter assembly can be stowed inside of the fuel tank when torch is not in use. Spout with steel fuel trap extends a minimum of 10" from the top of the tank to the end of the nozzle with the igniter extending beyond the nozzle. Fuel trap in the spout and check valve assembly in the tank cover provides flashback protection. Breather valve assembly provides smooth flow of fuel when torch is in use. Meets DOT requirements for transport of flammable liquids. Forest Service Spec 5100-614. (NFES #0241)

NSN 4210-01-558-9951

Color Red

Price \$117.33 EA

▶ Fire Shelter, Complete (M-2002)

New-generation fire shelter provides increased protection from radiant and convective heat in wildland firefighter entrapment situations. This set includes: fire shelter NSN 4240-01-498-3184; nylon duck carrying case NSN 8465-01-498-3190; carrying case plastic liner NSN 8465-01-498-3191. Deployed size: Length: 86"; Height: 15-1/2"; Width: 31". Forest Service Spec 5100-606. (NFES #0925)

NSN 4240-01-498-3194

Size Size: Regular

Price \$249.32 EA



▶ Fire Shelter, Complete (M-2002) (Large)

New-generation fire shelter provides increased protection from radiant and convective heat in wildland firefighter's entrapment situations. Large size shelter designed for firefighters taller than 6' 1" or whose girth exceeds 53" at any point. The larger fire shelter provides better protection for larger people by allowing less contact of the shelter material with the occupant's body, and provides more air space between the shelter and occupant. The large fire shelter is easily identified by the orange deploy strap. This set includes: Fire Shelter NSN 4240-01-529-8804; Nylon Duck Carrying Case NSN 8465-01-498-3190 and Carrying Case Plastic Liner NSN 8465-01-498-3191. Deployed size: Length: 96"; Height: 19-1/2"; Width: 33". Forest Service Spec 5100-606. (NFES #0975)

NSN 4240-01-527-5248

Size Size: Large

Price \$353.51 EA



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Firefighter's Work Gloves

◀ Heavy-duty, Gunn-cut, rough-out cowhide gloves are designed for use on fire lines and can be used for general forestry work. Feature an adjustable wrist strap. NFPA 1977 compliant. Forest Service Spec 6170-5. **UNICOR**

(NFES #1296)

NSN 8415-01-394-0215

Size Large

Price \$14.10 PR

(NFES #1297)

NSN 8415-01-397-3937

Size Extra-Large

Price \$14.10 PR

▶ Heavy Duty, Gunn-cut, brushed pigskin gloves are designed for use on fire lines and can be used for general forestry work. Features a keystone double layer thumb crotch, elastic wrist shirring and leather storage strap. NFPA 1977 compliant.

NEW



(NFES #1642)

NSN 8415-01-565-0624

Size Large

Price \$24.99 PR

(NFES #1643)

NSN 8415-01-565-0625

Size Extra-Large

Price \$24.99 PR

Heavy Duty, Gunn-cut, split cowhide leather gloves are designed for use on fire lines and can be used for general forestry work. Features a wing thumb, continuous index finger construction, elastic Kevlar knit wristlet and storage strap. Anatomically designed & unlined. NFPA 1977 compliant.

NEW

(NFES #1477)

NSN 8415-01-568-0008

Color Gray

Size Large

Price \$19.50 PR

(NFES #1478)

NSN 8415-01-568-0012

Color Gray

Size Extra-Large

Price \$19.50 PR

▶ Sleeping Bag

Mummy-type sleeping bag is for use by wildland firefighters in cold weather. Includes synthetic fill and is comfortable to 30° F (rated to 20° F). Features a 3/4" zipper and full hood with draw-cord closure. Dark green inside and out. (NFES #0022)

NSN 8465-01-119-5562

Price \$58.99 EA



▶ Sleeping Bag Pad

When used in conjunction with a sleeping bag, EVA pad insulates the sleeper well from the cold, hard ground. Forest Service Spec 5100-522. (NFES #1566)

NSN 8465-01-223-8421

Color Gray

Size 75 x 23 x 3/8"

Price \$417.63 BX (contains 50 EA)



First Aid Kit



◀ First aid kit is designed by the USDA Forest Service for forest workers and wildland firefighters, but it is suitably equipped for all users. Kit contains: three povidone iodine swabs; two gauze pads; two non-stick pads; six bandages (woven adhesive); four butterfly closures; elastic bandage; one pair of latex gloves; mouth-to-mouth barrier; towelette; biohazard bag; a roll of adhesive tape; two sheets of moleskin; face mask; two aspirins; two acetaminophen tablets. Includes instructions for mouth-to-mouth barrier use, and contents list. Comes in a translucent plastic telescoping case. Type I.

Forest Service Spec 6170-6. (NFES # 0067)



① 24-month maximum shelf life (extendable)

NSN 6545-00-656-1092

Size Case: 3-1/2 x 3-1/2 x 1-3/4"

Price \$11.42 EA



▲ For use in vehicles or small crews (eight to 10 persons). Comes in a metal hanging case.



First aid kit is designed by the USDA Forest Service for forest workers and wildland firefighters, but is suitably equipped for all users. Kit contains: antiseptic kit; two body fluids barrier kits; 25 bandages (woven adhesive); 12 knuckles bandages; 16 butterfly closure bandages; two elastic bandages; triangular bandage; two pairs of latex gloves; three rolls of adhesive tape; two sheets of moleskin; chemical cold pack; eye wash solution; one tincture of green soap; one bottle of calamine lotion; 20 aspirins; 20 acetaminophen tablets; two patient information tags; forceps; paramedic shears; lead pencil. Includes instructions for mouth-to-mouth barrier use, first aid manual, and contents list. Type II, Forest Service Spec. 6170-6.

① 24-month maximum shelf life (extendable)

NSN 6545-00-656-1093

Size Case: 9 x 9-1/2 x 2-3/4"

Price \$67.61 EA

► Intended for use in vehicles or large crews (20 to 25 persons).

First aid kit is designed by the

USDA Forest Service for forest workers and wildland firefighters,

but it is suitably equipped for all users. Kit contains: 25 bandages (woven adhesive); 12 knuckle bandages; 16 butterfly closures; two elastic bandages; two triangular bandages; bandage compress; elastic support; two combine dressings; two pairs of latex gloves; three rolls of adhesive tape; four sheets of moleskin; two chemical cold packs; one eye wash unit; one bottle tincture of green soap; one bottle calamine lotion; 30 aspirins; 30 acetaminophen tablets; two patient information tags; forceps; medic shears; two antiseptic kits (including two bottles of iodine, eight povidone iodine swabs, 12 gauze pads, 12 non-stick pads); and two body fluid barrier kits (including four pairs latex gloves, two face shields, two mouth-to-mouth barriers, four antiseptic towelettes and two biohazards disposal bags.) Kit also contains instructions for mouth-to-mouth barrier use, first aid manual, contents list, and lead pencil. Comes in a metal hanging case. Type III. Forest Service Spec 6170-6. (NFES #1604)



① 24-month maximum shelf life (extendable)

NSN 6545-00-656-1094

Size Case: 10 x 14-1/2 x 2-3/4"

Price \$81.93 EA





◀ Intended for use by a crew (up to 25 persons) in the field. First aid kit is designed by the USDA Forest Service for forest workers and wildland firefighters, but it is suitably equipped for all users. Kit contains; 25 bandages (woven adhesive); 12 knuckle bandages; 16 butterfly closures; four elastic bandages; two triangular bandages; two compress bandages; elastic support (roll); three combine dressings; four pairs latex gloves; three roles of adhesive tape; four sheets of moleskin; two chemical cold packs; two containers of eye wash solution; two bottles of tincture green soap; two bottles of calamine lotion; 30 aspirin tablets; 30 acetaminophen tablets; two patient-information tags; forceps; paramedic shears; antiseptic kit (which includes one bottle povidone, four povidone iodine swabs, six gauze pads, six non-stick pads); and two body fluids barrier kits (including

four pairs latex gloves, two face shields, two mouth-to-mouth barriers, four antiseptic towelettes, two biohazard disposal bags). Kit contains protective components for the user. Also includes instructions for mouth-to-mouth barrier use, first aid manual, contents list, and lead pencil. Comes in a red nylon duck case attached to a 2"-wide belt with buckle. Type IV. Forest Service Spec 6170-6. (NFES #1143)



① 24-month maximum shelf life (extendable)

NSN 6545-01-010-7754

Size Case: 10 x 10 x 2-3/4"

Price \$111.61 EA

► Safety Goggles

Low-profile design goggles protect against chemical splash and impact. Lens provides superior optics and peripheral vision. Soft elastomer seal on frame seals goggles to face while providing enhanced comfort. Impact-resistant, clear polycarbonate lens absorbs more than 99.9 percent of harmful UV light. Indirect venting increases air circulation. Quick-adjust headband. This is a component of Mop-Up Kit NSN 4210-01-321-4206. Meets ANSI Z87.1. (NFES #0318)



NSN 4240-01-504-7863

P/N Uvex Stealth S3960C, or equal

Color Clear

Price \$9.83 PR

► Ear Plugs

Plugs are designed to provide general hearing protection in noisy environments. Made of non-toxic, non-allergenic, closed-cell PVC foam that expands to fit most ear sizes. New two-color design allows for quick inspection of proper insertion by users. Dispenser box contains 200 individually wrapped pairs. A-A-54878. (NFES #1027)



NSN 6515-00-137-6345

Price \$25.50 BX(contains 400 EA)

► Alkaline Battery

This alkaline, manganese dioxide battery is great for use with tape recorders, pocket calculators, smoke detectors, transistor radios, and other electronic equipment. Frequently lasts more than twice as long as the same size carbon-zinc battery, depending on type of use. Non-rechargeable. ANSI C 18.1.



Rectangular shaped, with two snap terminals.

(NFES #1241)

① 36-month maximum shelf life (not extendable)

NSN 6135-00-900-2139

Size Size: 9V

Price \$13.88 PG(contains 12 EA)

Cylindrical battery has flat terminals; nominal voltage is 1.5V.

Pallet contains a total of 1,488 packages (186 cases, each containing 8 packages). (NFES #0030)

① 36-month maximum shelf life (not extendable)

NSN 6135-00-985-7845

Size Size: AA

Price \$4.75 PG(contains 24 EA)

① 36-month maximum shelf life (not extendable)

NSN 6135-00-826-4798

Size Size: AAA

Price \$3.00 PG(contains 12 EA)

(NFES #0834)

① 36-month maximum shelf life (not extendable)

NSN 6135-00-985-7846

Size Size: C

Price \$6.25 PG(contains 12 EA)

(NFES #0033)

① 36-month maximum shelf life (not extendable)

NSN 6135-00-835-7210

Size Size: D

Price \$10.51 PG(contains 12 EA)

► Foam Cup

Disposable, molded polystyrene foam cup is round and smooth, with a rounded edge and tapered sides for stacking. Extra insulation for comfortable holding of contents up to 200° F.

Tall-style cup without handle or lid is for hot or cold liquids.

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NSN 7350-00-721-9003

Size Capacity: 6 oz.

Price \$17.85 BX(contains 1000 EA)

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Size Capacity: 8 oz.

Price \$23.26 BX(contains 1000 EA)

NSN 7350-00-926-1661

Size Capacity: 10 oz.

Price \$26.46 BX(contains 1000 EA)

NSN 7350-00-145-6126

Size Capacity: 16 oz.

Price \$23.26 BX(contains 500 EA)

► Mess Tray

► Three-compartment, disposable tray (clam shell) is made of polystyrene plastic foam. Rectangular shape with a hinged lid and slot closing.



NSN 7350-01-080-8842

Size 10 x 9-1/2 x 3"

Price \$25.84 BX(contains 200 EA)

▼ Disposable mess tray is water resistant, tasteless, odorless, and grease resistant. Nesting design meets FDA requirements.



Five compartment, rectangular mess tray is made of wood pulp paper.

Twenty-five trays per bag, twenty bags per box.

NSN 7350-01-411-5266

Color Tan or Sand

Size 12-1/2 x 8-1/2"

Price \$104.76 BX(contains 500 EA)



NSN 7350-01-012-8787

Color White or Natural

Size 12-1/2 x 8-1/2"

Price \$104.76 BX(contains 500 EA)



► Paper Tableware

Round, disposable paper cup is tapered to stack easily. It is odorless and leakproof. Meets FDA requirements.



Features a plastic coating on the inner surface.

Tall-style, plastic-lined cup without handle or lid is for use with hot liquids.



NSN 7350-00-290-0588

Color White

Size Capacity: 6 oz.

Price \$90.45 BX(contains 2000 EA)

NSN 7350-00-162-3006

Color White

Size Capacity: 8 oz.

Price \$92.06 BX(contains 2000 EA)

NSN 7350-01-411-5265

Color Tan or Sand

Size Capacity: 9 oz.

Price \$65.47 BX(contains 1800 EA)

NSN 7350-00-641-4519

Color White

Size Capacity: 10 oz.

Price \$56.84 BX(contains 1000 EA)

NSN 7350-00-641-4517

Color White

Size Capacity: 12 oz.

Price \$61.00 BX(contains 1000 EA)

NSN 7350-00-641-4576

Color White

Size Capacity: 16 oz.

Price \$75.59 BX(contains 1000 EA)



◀ Disposable plate is water resistant, tasteless, odorless, and grease resistant. Flat-bottom, nesting design meets FDA requirements.

Three-compartment plate has one main compartment that covers 50 percent of plate and two smaller compartments, each covering 25 percent of plate. Compartment dividers are one-half as high as plate rim.

Round plate of molded pulp paper provides extra resistance to water and grease. (NFES #0464)



NSN 7350-01-263-6700

Color White

Size Diameter: 10-1/4"; Depth: 7/8"

Price \$70.50 BX(contains 500 EA)

Round plate, made of molded pulp paper, provides extra resistance to water and grease. Packaged in a unitized waterproof container for U.S. Navy use.

PRIME



NSN 7350-01-263-6701

Color White

Size Diameter: 10-1/4"; Depth: 7/8"

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◀ Folding Multi-Tool

This multi tool is designed for the user who needs extreme wire cutting ability and quick access to the components. The tool has a stainless steel plier head and stainless steel components other than the saw blade. The pliers are spring loaded with the jaws containing replaceable and indexable tungsten carbide inserts with a nitride finish. The aluminum handles have black rubber molded inserts and rotate around the plier head. All the components in the handle rotate independently. The tool features the following components: Spring-loaded, needle-nose pliers, wire cutters, bottle opener, 3 flat tip screwdrivers, 1 Phillips tip screwdriver, coarse/fine file, scissors, half serrated drop point knife blade, replaceable carbide saw blade, and universal jig saw coupler.

Furnished in a nylon sheath.

NSN 5110-01-475-2144

Size Lengths: 6-5/8" (Opened); 5-1/8" (Closed)

Price \$72.50 EA

Multi-Tool



◀ This new multi-tool includes: titanium handles; needle-nose pliers; regular pliers; wire cutters; hard wire cutters; crimper; saw; 154-cm, clip-point, stainless-steel knife blade; serrated knife; cutting hook; wood/metal file; diamond-coated file; wire stripper; two large bit drivers; small bit driver; nine double-end bits (sizes: screwdriver- 1/4 and 3/16"; hex 5/32 and 9/64"; hex 1/8 and 7/64"; hex 3/32 and 5/64"; hex 1/16 and .050"; Robertson #2 and #3; screwdriver 1/8" and Torx #15; Phillips #1 and #2; Phillips and flat-tip eyeglass screwdriver); 8"/19-cm ruler; bottle/can opener; fixed lanyard ring; quick-release lanyard ring; and a removable pocket clip.

Furnished in a leather sheath.

NSN 5110-01-525-6655

Brand Leatherman Tool Group

P/N 830674

Size Length: 4" closed

Price \$92.99 EA



◀ The new Wave features: blasting cap crimper, needlenose pliers, regular pliers, wire cutters, hard-wire cutters, clip-point knife, serrated knife, saw, scissors, wood/metal file, diamond-coated file, large bit driver, small bit driver, large screwdriver, ruler (8"/19cm), bottle/can opener, wire stripper, and a lanyard attachment.

Stainless steel finish. Black nylon sheath.

NSN 5110-01-541-1201

Brand Leatherman Tool Group

P/N 830485

Size Length: 4" (closed)

Price \$65.28 EA

▶ Hydraulic Hand Jack

Has an 8 ton capacity; Extended height: 23" min.; Closed height: 11-12"; Hydraulic rise: 8" min.; Extended screw rise: 4" min.; Handle length: 20". U.S. Army Tank Automotive Command drawing 12375464 dated June 27, 1990.

NSN 5120-01-374-0532

Price \$173.08 EA



▶ Cordless Impact Wrench

This 18-volt cordless wrench has a 1/2" square drive and a pistol grip handle. It delivers 2880 in.-lbs./240 ft.-lbs. of torque, and has a no load speed of 1-1400 rpm. Features a variable speed switch; forward/reverse switch; reversible battery pack, and a soft-grip handle. Weight: 9 lbs. Furnish a carrying case with two 2.4 Amp 18-volt batteries, universal charger. **DD**

NSN 5130-01-543-5846

Size Length: 11-3/4".

Price \$332.62 SE





◀ Portable Gasoline Circular Saw

This multi-purpose 6.5 HP Fire Department Rescue Saw is powered by a two-cycle, air-cooled gas engine. Wheel speed: 6000 RPM; Blade diameter: 12"; Vertical cut depth: 4"; Tank capacity: 3.2 pints; Weight: 22.7 pounds. Accessories include: Set of operating and maintenance instructions; 12" diameter reinforced steel cutting abrasive wheel; 12" diameter reinforced concrete cutting abrasive wheel; 12" diameter abrasive wheel for cutting non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; 1 gallon safety can; helmet system that includes head and hearing protection and full-face protective shield; 1 pair of protective eyewear and clear protective face shield; spare drive belt; spare air filter; and 6 each 1/4 pint bottles of SAE approved 2-cycle engine oil. Furnished in a carrying case.

NSN 5130-00-096-2886

CLOSEOUT SALE

Price \$1,823.74 EA



▲ General Mechanic's Tool Kit

All-in-one kit is ideal for general maintenance and repairs. Kit includes: mounting brackets; pry bar; tool-cleaning brush; cold chisel; spring tension clips; files; flashlight; thickness gauge; hammer; wood file handle; key sets; pocket and putty knives; padlock; pliers; aligning, drive pin and solid center punches; magnetic retrieving tool; tools and accessories roll; steel rule; Phillips and flat-tip screwdrivers; metal-cutting shears; sockets; socket wrench tool clip; test light; toolbox; combination box and open-end wrenches and set; Allen wrench set; socket wrench set; solid extension bar; box; flare nut and open-end wrenches; and pliers and spanner wrenches. Department of the Army Supply Catalog SC 5180-95-N26.

NSN 5180-00-177-7033

Price \$974.32 KT



▲ Master Mechanic's Tool Kit

Kit contains: pry bar; hand hacksaw blades and frame; mounting bracket; scratch wire brush; hand cold chisels; hand rivet buster chisel; spring-tension clip; socket wrench extension; screw extractor set; hand file (Swiss and American patterns); contact-point flat, half, round regular (with wood handle); mechanical finger; gap-setting gage; thickness gage; hand hammers; socket wrench handle; socket head screw key set; pocket knife; putty knife; retaining ring pliers set; diagonal cutting pliers; slip-joint pliers; aligning punch; solid center punch; drive pin punch; magnetic retrieving tool; tools and accessories rolls; machinist's steel rule; Phillips and standard and offset screwdriver set; flat-tip screwdriver; offset screwdriver; screwdriver socket wrench attachments; socket wrench sets; stud remover and setter; two-meter measuring tape; portable toolboxes; box wrench set; box and open-end combination wrench set; open-end (double-head) wrench set; attachment universal joint; adjustable auto wrench; adjustable open-end wrench; adjustable wrench; open-end box wrench; box (double-head) wrench; open-end tappet wrench; open-end wrench; pipe wrench (adjustable); and curved and straight-jaw vise. Department of the Army Supply Catalog SC

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